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OUTLINES.

Senator P. C. Knox, of Pennsylvania, has been appointed Secretary of State in President-elect Taft's Cabinet and has announced his acceptance——Two record flights were made by Wilbur Wright, the American aeroplanist, in LeMans, France, yesterday——President-elect Taft and family arrived at Augusta, Ga., yesterday, where they will remain until the latter part of January when the President-elect will visit Panama——Gen. Tasker H. Bliss reports the death of 11 enlisted men in the Philippines, from drinking poisoned spirits——In a boxing bout in Philadelphia last night James Curran collapsed after the second round and died shortly afterwards——The first testimony in the trial of the Tennessee night riders was submitted yesterday——The Government at The Hague puts no credence in the report of Venezuela having declared war, but if she has that the fleet in the Caribbean is sufficient to meet the emergency——Roosevelt will have the foundations of the docks and dams inspected by expert civil engineers not connected with the Government——Congress is asked for an urgent deficiency appropriation of $5,450,000 for Panama canal construction——The negro, Will Graham, was hanged at Concord, N. C., yesterday for criminal assault——There was some very damaging testimony against the defendant in the Hains-Annis murder trial yesterday——Judge Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the Steel Corporation, was before the Ways and Means Committee yesterday and gave some interesting information——New York markets: Money on call firm, 2 to 3 1-2 per cent., ruling rate 3, closing old 2, offered at 2 1-2. Flour dull and barely steady. Wheat barely steady, No. 2 red 1.06 1-4 to 1.07 3-4 elevator. Corn easy, No. 2, 65 to arrive elevator. Oats easy, mixed 54 to 54 1-2. Rosin steady. Turpentine quiet. Cotton quiet, middling uplands 9.10, middling gulf 9.35.

Today week we will all begin living on turkey hash and the other scraps.

We would like to know to what extent Roosevelt has aided in increasing the sales of the New York World.

It looks like people after awhile would learn the distinguish between honest dealing and plain schemes to defraud.

Kaiser Wilhelm will hardly give to the press any conversation which may occur between himself and Castro on the Holland-Venezuela situation.

Why don't the people who consume the manufacturers' products now tell the Ways and Means Committee what they think about it?

Wouldn't some Congressmen be astounded if Roosevelt should tell them he has had secret service men shadowing them for some time?

That was a solar plexus the State's attorney gave the defense on the peremptory challenge question in the night riders' trial.

The Congressional bee is buzzing in the bonnets of more Democrats in the Fifth district than would be the case had Brooks not been defeated.

The pre-election promise of prosperity if Taft were elected, made by the Republicans, certainly has not struck the cotton grower yet.

When the revenue officers are thinned out in this State after January 1st it will be up to the county sheriffs to get busy looking after blockade stills.

We suppose the House will be obliged to receive and make public and message the President may send in reply to its demand for the "evidence."

If the President has blundered there are many people who believe the "Roosevelt luck" will bring him out on top in the end, and it is likely to be so.

We suppose Governor Glenn's attitude toward the nomination to Congress in 1910 is the same as it was last winter and spring, regarding that of the Senatorship.

With Congress as a body, Foraker as an individual Senator and several leading newspapers after him one might suppose Roosevelt to have his hands pretty full.

Schwab, in opposing the reduction of the tariff on steel, told the Ways and Means Committee that he was thinking of the manufacturer and not of the consumer. That was a needless declaration.

It looks like they are going to be able to make paper out of corn stalks and cotton stalks at last. What a God-send it will be to the South. The by-products of the cotton plant will in time bring more money to the South than the lint.

DOINGS IN RALEIGH

Library of Congress

Special Election in Haywood to Elect Member of The General Assembly.

SPECIAL TERM IN BRUNSWICK

Court For Trial of Walker—Bequests For Methodist Orphanage—Governor's Missionary Work—Other Capital News and Notes.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 18.—Governor Glenn issued this afternoon an order for a special election to be held in Haywood county January 4th to select a successor to H. R. Ferguson, member-elect of the North Carolina General Assembly, to convene January 6th, who died this week in Baltimore. The order is addressed to R. E. Osborne, chairman of the Haywood County Board of Elections.

A special term of Superior Court for Brunswick is ordered by Governor Glenn, Judge G. W. Ward to preside, and the court to convene January 11th and continue until the criminal docket is cleared. The special purpose of the term is to try J. P. Walker, the white man charged with the murder of Sheriff Stanland.

Governor Glenn has gone to Greenville, S. C., to confer with Rev. S. M. Morris and E. C. Graham, of the Southern Presbyterian Laymen's Movement, as to the itinerary of the Governor's tour during February, March, April and May.

The will of the late C. H. Belvin, for 40 years a prominent banker and business man here, includes a bequest of $2,500 to the Methodist Orphanage located here; $1,000 to the Masonic Orphanage at Oxford, and $1,000 to Edenton Street Methodist church, of which he was a member. The will of Mrs. Belvin, who died about a year ago, left $4,000 to the Methodist Orphanage, making $5,000 this institution received from the Belvin estate, which is valued at more than $200,000 and is divided among three children and relatives here and in Durham.

The remains of Miss Jeannette Besson arrived here this evening from Mills River near Asheville where she died yesterday. They were conveyed to the home of her brother-in-law, W. A. Linehan, on Blount street, to await the funeral tomorrow. She had been teaching school at Mill River.

The Taylor Grocery Company, Winston-Salem, capital $100,000 was chartered today with John M. Taylor, Dallas C. Butler and Henry C. Jones as incorporators for wholesale and retail business.

Luke Banner, former member of the legislature from Watauga county, has entered upon the service of his thirty years sentence in the penitentiary for killing Ambrose Cline. This is the case in which the Supreme Court, in affirming the conviction and sentence, declared recently that Banner should be thankful that he escaped the gallows as the jury would have been amply justified in finding first degree murder.

A section of the annual report of State Treasury Lacy shows that 3,059 people are being taken care of in the State asylums, hospitals for insane, Soldiers' Home, and State schools for deaf, dumb and blind. This is an increase of 766 over the number in 1902. Practically all of this increase has been in the hospitals for insane, there having been an increase of only four in the schools for deaf, dumb and blind and of 18 in the Soldiers' Home, with all the other increase in the hospitals for insane.

Comrade J. C. Richardson, an inmate of the North Carolina Soldiers' Home, from Johnston county, has invented an automatic "mail catcher" for use on railway mail trains that those who have seen it believe is a decidedly meritorious appliance, an immense improvement over the "pouch catchers" now in use. He is also at work on an appliance designed to eliminate the trouble experienced in running trolley cars through the trolley jumping off the wire.

COUNTY SANITARY BOARD.

Conference With Butchers Relative to Permanent Remedy of Conditions.

After another full and free discussion of the slaughter house question by the County Sanitary Board yesterday, a special committee composed of Drs. Harriss, Wood and R. H. Bellamy, was appointed to inspect the slaughter houses now in existence around Wilmington and direct what should be done to improve sanitary conditions for the present and to formulate a plan for a permanent remedy of the situation to be presented to the County Board of Health and the Board of Aldermen of the city and to consider the question of a central slaughter house or abattoir, drafting such a bill as may be needed for enactment by the coming session of the General Assembly, if same is required for carrying into effect the plans of the Board of Health.

Mr. J. J. Hopkins, a leading dealer, was present yesterday and conferred with the Board and the committee will visit the slaughter house of Mr. I. B. Rhodes on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock for the purpose of conferring with the owner as to the best methods to be adopted.

STILL ON THE LAND SUIT

Interesting Testimony by Pilot and Others Yesterday in Federal Court. Fort Caswell Reservation Controversy Takes Much Time.

Another entire day in the Federal court yesterday was devoted to the continued hearing of what has now come to be commonly known as the Fort Caswell land suit. The plaintiff had not concluded its testimony when court took a recess at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the defense will hardly have an inning before about noon today.

Yesterday upon convening Mr. Theo. McKeithan was taken on cross-examination by the government and re-direct by the plaintiff. Some new matters in regard to fish camps along the beach were brought out and the fact developed from the witness that the government landmarks on the ocean and river sides had been moved from time to time in the opinion of the witness. Mr. John W. Galloway was also cross-examined by the government, but this developed nothing new.

Mr. J. C. Mintz, a surveyor and civil engineer, identified the lands under description offered in the various deeds for plaintiff and testified as to measurements at considerable length especially as to marks on the Baker line, which is in controversy and which he established about 40 feet east of the line shown on the map by Messrs. MacRae and Humphreys.

Mrs. S. A. Thompson, relict of the late Captain T. M. Thompson and step-mother of the principal plaintiff in the suit, testified to continuous acts of possession on the lands for 40 years, as to the encroachment of the sea upon the "big pond", near the water, as to the cultivation of the lands and the opening of new fields by her brothers.

Mr. Asa Dosher, a member of the board of county commissioners of Brunswick, testified that in 1880 when a boy he saw certain stones marked "U. S." and later about 15 years ago, saw similar stones in changed position; that he knew the bluffs on the river and testified as to their names.

Captain Richard Benson, a Cape Fear pilot, was a most interesting witness and told of knowing the lands for the past 28 years; of the encroachment of the beach on the lands 150 or 200 yards in 28 years; that the distance from the ocean to the edge of "big pond" was less than when he first knew it; that the pond 28 years ago was 300 yards wide and now not 50 yards. He told of the steamer Agnes E. Fry ashore at Piney Point during the war and that 28 years ago he could walk around it. Now there is 10 feet of water around the wreck. He also told of the steamer McCall, which grounded near there during the war. It was then 300 yards from shore; now it is not less than 400 yards. Captain Benson began piloting in 1874. The recess yesterday afternoon was to 9:30 A. M. today.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

First Round of Rev. W. L. Cuninggim, Presiding Elder of District.

The following are the appointments of Rev. W. L. Cuninggim, presiding elder of the Wilmington District M. E. Church, first round of quarterly conferences: Southport, Dec. 20th; Wilmington, Trinity, Dec. 27th, 11 A. M.; Wilmington, Bladen Street, Dec. 27th, at night; Burgaw, Rocky Point, Jan. 2nd and 3rd; Swansboro, Jan. 7th, at night and 8th; Onslow, Maysville, Jan. 9th and 10th; Shallotte, New Hope, Jan. 14th; Town Creek, Zion, Jan. 16th and 17th; Chadbourn and Bolton, Freeman, Jan. 21st; Columbus, Evergreen, Jan. 23rd and 24th; Whiteville and Vineland, Whiteville, Jan. 24th at night and 25th; Scott's Hill, Prospect, Jan. 27th at 11 A. M.; Kenansville, Warsaw, Jan. 30th and 31st; Magnolia, Rose Hill, Jan. 31st at night, Feb. 1st; Carver's Creek, Council, Feb. 3rd at night and 4th; Clinton, Keener, Feb. 6th and 7th; Mt. Tabor, Lebanon, Feb. 13th and 14th; New River, Snead's Ferry, Feb. 18th, at night; Jacksonville and Richlands, Richlands, Feb. 20th and 21st; Wilmington, Grace, Feb. 28th, 11 A. M.; Wilmington, Fifth street, Feb. 28th, at night. The district stewards will meet at Grace Church, Tuesday, Jan. 5th, at 1:15 P. M.

THE SOUTHERN LIFE.

Manager Says Base Misrepresentation Has Been Made From Columbia.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 18.—The following statement was made tonight by C. J. Cooper, manager of the Southern Life Insurance Company. "A news item has been sent out from Columbia to the effect that the commissions paid for sale of a block of Southern Life Insurance stock were divided between the officers of each company. This is a base misrepresentation. The report shows that the officers of the Southern Life did not receive a cent of the commissions and no such thing was ever anticipated."

A Practical Holiday Suggestion.

Open an account with The People's Savings Bank in name of Wife, Mother, Sister, or Child, and present them with the Bank Book Christmas morning. It will be an everlasting, daily reminder of the donor. Interest will begin January 1st. 3t

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Important Special Meeting of Chamber of Commerce Held Yesterday Morning.

CAROLINA AND CLINCHFIELD

Connection Will be Made January 1st. Officers Invited to Banquet—Waterways Association Action Endorsed—Ft. Fisher Park.

At a special, called meeting of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce which was well attended yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock, the action of the North Carolina Waterways Association upon the resolution prepared by Mr. James Sprunt with reference to the continuance of the present system of governmental improvement of the public waterways of the country was enthusiastically and unanimously endorsed; an important announcement in regard to the opening of the line of the Carolina & Clinchfield railroad on January 1st, connecting with the Seaboard Air Line at Bostic, N. C., was made by President J. A. Taylor and in making arrangements for the annual banquet of the Chamber in January it was resolved to extend a special invitation to the officials of that corporation to be present, and finally but not least important, the efforts of Rev. J. A. Smith and others to have the government adopt Fort Fisher as a National Park were unanimously approved.

The meeting was held in the rooms of the Chamber on North Front street and the resolution by the Waterways Association, placing on record an emphatic expression of its high appreciation of the excellent service of the Corps of Engineers in North Carolina and especially on the Cape Fear river, in view of President Roosevelt's recommendation of material changes in the composition of the corps in its relation to river and harbor improvement, was read and discussed. On motion of Mr. D. L. Gore, seconded by Mr. C. N. Evans, the resolution was unanimously endorsed.

Following this action President Taylor referred to the gracious and most cordial treatment acorded the Rev. J. A. Smith, of this city, upon his recent visit to Utica, N. Y., and stated that some recognition was due and some co-operation should be given the veterans of that memorable conflict in their efforts to secure the adoption and improvement of Fort Fisher as a National Park. He requested Mr. Calder to draw resolutions covering the subject, which he did, supplementing the same with appropriate remarks. Upon Mr. Calder's motion, seconded by Mr. Gore, the following was unanimously passed:

"Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Wilmington, North Carolina, desires to record their appreciation of the courtesies shown our fellow townsman, the Rev. James A. Smith, upon his recent visit to the city of Utica, New York, for the purpose of delivering an address upon the battle of Fort Fisher from the standpoint of a Confederate veteran, and to especially emphasize their pleasure in the cordial hospitality extended him by the city authorities and by the Union veterans there.

"Resolved, That we heartily approve the action of the Union Veterans of the State of New York, and do hereby join in their request that the Government of the United States set apart the Fort Fisher field as a National park upon which should be erected a suitable monument to commemorate the valor of the 'Blue and the Gray' displayed on this field in the battle of January 15th, 1865.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the mayor of the city of Utica, and also to our Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State, with the request that they lend their influence to accomplish the object above set forth."

Mr. Taylor, in introducing the announcement as to the Carolina & Clinchfield railroad, said the Chamber had been quietly at work for some time looking after Wilmington's interest in the development of this great enterprise in the mountains and he had it authoritatively from high sources that Jan. 1st or very soon thereafter trains could be operated from Wilmington through to Johnston City, Tenn., the Carolina and Clinchfield connecting with the Seaboard Air Line at Boston. This would mean eventually a trunk line from Wilmington to the west, via the Seaboard with whom advantageous trackage rights had been made. It is hinted even that the large interests behind the Carolina & Clinchfield are identical with those behind the Seaboard, which will mean the development of Wilmington into a great coaling station with Southport as a deep water terminal and a 30-foot chanel to Wilmington.

Mr. C. N. Evans spoke with great satisfaction at the announcement of the President and suggested that the officials of the new road be invited to attend the annual banquet here early in January in order that Wilmington business men might come to know them better. Capt. Wm. F. Robertson seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried, the president later appointing on this committee: Messrs. C. N. Evans, Sam Bear, Wm. E. Worth, James H. Chadbourn and Col. Walker Taylor.

ODD FELLOWS SESSION

Sixth District Meeting in This City Last Night, a Great Success. Fine Representation From All Lodges and Guests of Honor.

With all of the eleven lodges, save one, represented by complete delegations, the Sixth District Odd Fellows' convention in this city last night was a splendid success, the meeting having continued until an early hour this morning, in the I. O. O. F. building at Third and Princess streets.

The guests of honor were Grand Master H. M. Shaw, of Oxford, and Grand Secretary B. H. Woodell, of Raleigh, who were entertained while in the city by Past Grand Master M. W. Jacobi. The district supervisor, Dr. John A. Stevens, of Clinton, and other visiting delegates were entertained at The Colonial Inn, a social session having followed the district meeting in the hall last night. The exercises opened last night with the singing of an ode "That Noble Band of Odd Fellows," a composition by Henry Arnold Davis, 16 years of age, a student in the I. O. O. F. Home at Goldsboro, who is issuing the words and music, the latter by E. McIntosh Cullom, with the hope of securing a ministerial education at Trinity College. After prayer by the Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., the visitors were welcomed by Past Grand B. F. King and the response, exceedingly cordial, was by Dr. Stevens. Then followed the enrollment of delegates and the election of officrs for the ensuing year, after which the discussion of the various topics was listened to from representatives of the visiting lodges, a list of whom was printed in yesterday morning's paper. Special addresses were made by Past Grand E. N. Penny on "The Rebekah Degree" and by Grand Worthy Patriarch W. L. Smith, on the encampment branch of the order. What everyone declared was "the best for the last" came in splendid addresses by Grand Master Shaw and Grand Secretary Woodell, who were given the closest attention and most enthusiastic applause.

The delegates from the Wilmington lodges are as follows, those from the visiting lodges having been given yesterday: Cape Fear No. 2, M. W. Jacobi, R. J. Jones and M. H. Brimmer; Orion No. 67, C. D. Morrell, J. E. Silvia and A. T. Parker; Wilmington No. 139, W. C. Smith, J. F. Littleton and T. G. Landen; Hanover No. 145, J. E. Wood, E. S. Hancock and W. H. Peterson.

The annual election of officers resulted as follows: President M. W. Jacobi, Wilmington; Vice President F. B. Johnson, Clinton; Secretary M. C. Guthrie, Southport; Treasurer H. F. Schulken, Vineland; Marshal H. G. Owen, Warsaw; Sentinel John E. Lamb, Wallace.

The time of next meeting was left with the district supervisor, but it is probable that two meetings will be held each year in April and November. Warsaw was selected as the next place of meeting at the call of the supervisor. The following committees were appointed last night:

By-Laws—F. B. Johnson, W. C. Smith, A. H. Paddison, Jno. E. Wood and C. D. Morrell.

Official Organ—M. C. Guthrie, F. C. Middleton, J. H. Jefferies, T. H. Partrick, G. P. Jordan, R. C. Powell, M. H. Brimmer, J. E. Silva, T. G. Landen and E. S. Hancock.

Memorial—H. G. Owen, J. F. Littleton, A. H. Paddison, J. D. Carr, J. A. Williams, W. H. Yopp, C. R. Spooner, A. T. Parker and John E. Lamb.

Past Grand W. H. Yopp made a special appeal for the musical composition referred to above as the opening ode and 33 copies were disposed of among the members present.

Past Grand T. H. Partrick, of Clinton, gave a very interesting and valuable exemplification of the secret work and some of the discussions during the evening were: "Visiting the Sick," Past Grand H. G. Owen, of Warsaw; "Orphan's Home," Past Grand A. H. Paddison, Burgaw; "Relation of Odd Fellows to the Community," Past Grand Master John E. Lamb, Wallace; "Our Paper," Past Grand M. C. Guthrie, Southport; "District Benefits," Past Grand J. R. Williams, of Vineland.

Truckers' Executive Committee.

Morning and afternoon sessions of the Executive Committee of the East Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' Association were held here yesterday, in a general discussion of the affairs of the organization and the outlook for the coming season. The members reported the strawberry prospect as extraordinarily fine. Those in attendance were President Wm. E. Springer, Secretary H. T. Bauman and Attorney Robert Ruark, of Wilmington; Messrs. W. L. Hill, of Warsaw; J. S. Westbrook, of Wallace, and J. A. Westbrook, of Mount Olive. Nothing of public interest for publication developed at the meeting.

Solky's Christmas Goods.

Christmas goods galore, in handsome and select variety, to please the most dainty of the season's purchasers, may be found in the elaborate Xmas display at J. M. Solky & Co's. Shoppers will do well to make an inspection of the many pretty things at this store appropriate for gifts.

Honnett's jewelry store announces splendid arrivals for the last days of Christmas shopping. **

SCHOOL EXERCISES

North Carolina Day Appropriately Observed Throughout The County on Yesterday.

IN THE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Especially Pleasing Observance at Union, Hemenway and Tileston—Exceptionally Well Prepared Papers by Pupils.

Especially pleasing and appropriate exercises incident to North Carolina Day, annually set apart by the State Board of Education, were observed by the public schools throughout the county yesterday. The subject for study was "German Settlements in North Carolina" and the programmes as prepared by Mr. R. D. W. Connor, of the North Carolina Historical Society, were either used literally or taken as a basis for very interesting exercises in each school.

The country schools generally observed the occasion with exercises during the day while several had their celebrations during the evening. The schools in the country, for the most part, used the programme as promulgated by the State Board of Education, which was quite befitting the subject. The exercises in the city schools were quite pleasing, those at the High School and at Union being at 9 o'clock in the morning and the observance at Hemenway having been by the several grades in their respective rooms as the opportunity presented itself in the regular order of studies for the day.

At the High School the exercises were in the assembly hall and there were persent besides the faculty, student body and a number of visitors, Supt. Blair, Mr. Jas. H. Chadbourn, chairman of the committee of District No. 2, Mr. Wm. H. Sprunt, of the County Board of Education, and others. The county kindly loaned its North Carolina flag for the day and this was unfurled from the flagstaff on the grounds during the day. During the exercises Supt. Blair took occasion to refer to the gymnastic equipment given during the past year to the schools by Mr. Wm. H. Sprunt and which has been a source of great pleasure and benefit to the students of the three institutions. Both at the High School and at Union, the donor was given a rising vote of thanks for his splendid generosity, exactly 1,070 little folks having stood at the Union School in gleeful appreciation of the gift.

The High School exercises consisted of "The North Carolina Toast," by Miss Madge Brand; "The Guardian Angel," by Miss Rachel Berger; "Saddle Bags of Gold," by Miss Eunice Andrews; "Ho! For Carolina," by the school; a declamation, "Universal Education," by Israel Noe; "How a School Boy Preserved an Historic Picture," by Miss Ethel Solomon; "A Journey Through the Carolina Wilderness," by Miss Edna Lanier; "The Old North State," by the School; "Settlers From Germany," by Miss Mary Worth; "German Schools and School Teachers," by Miss Emily Westbrook; "The Wanderer Back Home," a poem, by Miss Carrie Toomer; "The British Invasion of the German Settlements" by Miss Alice Sawyer; "The Beginning of Wachovia," by Leon Walsh; "The German Pioneer," by Miss Nell Bowden, and "America," by the school.

At Hemenway School.

The programmes observed in each of the rooms at Hemenway School were very instructive and most creditable to the pupils. There were present during the forenoon Chairman J. A. Taylor and Messrs. Sam Bear and W. E. Perdew, of the school committee, who inspected all departments of the splendid school and were delighted with the evidences of progress and splendid work being one. In the seventh grade the study of the earlier German settlements was in the form of 25 questions submitted by the teachers and answered and discussed by the pupils in connection with maps of the 16 counties in North Carolina where German settlements were made. The Fifth Grade had compositions on the "First Settlement of Moravians in North Carolina;" "The Guardian Angel—A Legend of Bettrabara" and "Nathaniel Greene's Visit to Mrs. Elizabeth Steele." Then there were questions on the early settlements in North Carolina, Roger Greene, The Scotch Irish, Wilmington, and the German Settlements. In the Sixth Grade the counties settled by Germans were named and located by the pupils. Under the head of A German Pioneer—John Paul Barringer, there were questions covering the entire scope of the subject, and the same was true of "Moravian Settlements" as suggested by the State programme. The exercises by each grade were highly interesting and developed a wonderful knowledge of a phase of North Carolina history, which is exceedingly interesting.

Union School.

At the Union School the exercises opened with the singing of the "Old North State" after which the Fourth Grades gave a study of "The Tuscaroras," "Edward Teach," and "The Stamp Act." The Fifth Grades contributed a poem to the programme

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THE PARDONING POWER.

The pardon mill at our State capital was kept busy Wednesday. Governor Glenn acted on or rather announced his decision on twelve applications. Three pardons were granted; two sentences were commuted and interference with the court sentences was refused in seven cases. Of course the Governor made none of these decisions without giving the case patient and as thorough investigation as possible; as he does in all applications for executive clemency. This is obliged to take up a great deal of his time, and it is a labor and a responsibility which should not be imposed in addition to the duties which are necessarily placed upon him as Governor.

The pardoning power should be vested in a commission composed of at least three persons. This would be a great relief to the Governor and would, also, because of the work being done by three men instead of one, lessen the possibility of mistake being made.

As to the latter reason there is a case in point in this State at present. The Governor, making what he thought a thorough investigation of a case of pardon applied for, granted it conditional on the man's future good behavior. After the pardon had been placed in the hands of the sheriff of the county in which the prisoner was confined, but before the latter had been released, the Governor found that there were certain facts about the case which had been kept concealed from him or, at any rate, on which he had not been informed and which had he known he would have refused the pardon. In consequence of this he telegraphed an order for return of the pardon.

The case was taken by the prison to the Supreme court and, as related in the Star of yesterday, that court decided the man was entitled to his liberty; that in the circumstances the Governor had no right to withdraw the pardon. No blame attaches to Governor Glenn for having issued a pardon in that case which he would not have granted had he been informed of all the facts connected with the case; but it shows that he made a mistake on that occasion which the Supreme court says he had no legal right to rectify.

If such mistake is made in one case it is liable to be made in others, and it is reasonable to suppose that with such investigations being made by a commission of three men from different parts of the State mistakes of this kind are not near so liable to occur.

These two are sufficient reasons why the pardoning power should be vested in a commission and there are no good ones against it.

COURT BY ARBITRATION.

Colonel R. T. Bennett, who is always advancing some new idea for the benefit or relief of the people, suggests the establishment of courts of arbitration to try such civil cases as the plaintiff in bringing the suit may designate that as the mode of trial desired, the judgment rendered to be docketed as now. He suggests that such court should consist of two lawyers and one layman, and should "sit in vocation." His purpose, of course, is to relieve the congested condition of the courts, to give speedy trials of civil cases and to reduce cost of litigation. We would like to know how his idea strikes the public. This plan has many good features; but there is one serious objection, which is that it might greatly increase litigation, thereby causing useless multiplicity of law suits, increasing costs and trouble to the people generally in the end. Furthermore where the defendant did not desire this mode of trial he would have to be given the right of appeal to the regular courts. Would it save anything the in the long run?

THE DUTY ON PEANUTS.

There was an error, caused in the transmission by telegraph, in our Washington dispatch yesterday in reference to the appearance of the peanut men before the Ways and Means Committee. It should have stated that it was Congressman Small, of North Carolina, instead of Congressman Clark, of Florida, who appeared in advocacy of an increase of the duty. Congressman Clark's remarks, quoted toward the end of the article showed where he stood on the proposition to revise the tariff upward.

How does the Democratic party expect the Republicans to take seriously its declaration in favor of a revenue tariff when the men who adopted that plank as a political principle want either preserved or increased the present protective duties on all the articles in the tariff schedule in which they are pecuniarily or any other way individually interested?

An exchange says that though too soon to be making nominations it will now propose this ticket: For President, Theodore Roosevelt; for Vice President, William R. Hearst, and for their platform: "Birds of a feather flock together." We would warn that editor that any man who asserts that Hearst has dared to put his foot in the White House in the last twelve months will be immediately hustled through the doors of the Ananias Club.

Interest as to who will be the next Judge of the Federal court for this district seems to be growing. The Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer sends this to his paper:

"Considerable interest is manifested here in the illness of Judge Purnell and the talk of his probable successor. The names of former Superior Court Judge E. W. Timberlake, of Wake Forest, and Iredell Meares, of Wilmington, are mentioned in connection with the place."

Indications are that a Southerner, and a Democrat at that, will soon receive an appointment by President Roosevelt. Read the following clipping from the editorial columns of the Florida Times-Union and see if you can guess to what position the appointment will be?

"Private parties will pay the expenses of that trip to Africa we are now told. So did the railroads pay the traveling expenses and the traveling ceased when the Government gave a lump sum to escape a scandal."

A Nebraska woman sues a man for $10,000 for kissing her and then telling about it. The plea for damages is not so much for the kissing as for the telling, and we hope the jury will give her the full amount demanded.

Whoever caused it or whatever their motive, that stir over court affairs in Guilford county is going to make Judges, Solicitors and Court Clerks more careful in keeping things straight in the future.

Some folks may be so unjust as to say Roosevelt is doing it as a modest way of applying for admission to that club into which he has initiated so many of the prominent men of the country.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—Our trains are running on pretty good schedule time for the season of the year. But wait until the jug trade begins, then it will be different.—Red Springs Citizen.

—If the William Dudley Foulke clipping bureau scans the Congressional Record carefully during the next few weeks it may get a choice collection of pieces to send to its most illustrious subscriber.—Washington Post.

—That the government, while spending large sums of money to open up rivers, will adopt measures to assure regularity in the flow of water is naturally to be expected. The forest reserve movement inaugurated by President Cleveland and extended by President Roosevelt, is one of such measures.—Mobile Register.

—Indications are cropping out that the Legislature will be petitioned to pass a law giving Charlotte the dispensary system for the sale of liquor. Some people will never rest until this end is secured and after the dispensary shall have been in full blast for a short time, their conscience is going to call them to task for the part they took in establishing this particular form of grog-shop.—Charlotte Chronicle.

—The harmony conference between Mr. Taft and Speaker Cannon looks like the prelude to another of those amazing exhibitions of "get together" which the Republican party has grown fat on, and which are the despair of the storm-tossed and distracted Democracy. Harmony—just enough, but not too much—has become the finest of political fine arts, as practiced by the national Republican party of our time.—Springfield Republican.

—The Supreme Court of Kansas has decided that there can be no mixed public schools in that State; that the negroes must be separated from the whites. This, mind you, is in the State of "Ossawattomie" John Brown, whom some persons regard as a martyr to the cause of social equality. Kansas was foolish about the negro until she acquired a considerable percentage of negro population; and now she is drawing the race line quite as finely as any Southern State has ever done it.—Savannah News.

—It is not pleasant to have the President of the United States called names. It is even more unpleasant to have the President of the United States calling names. Mr. Roosevelt's excoriation of Mr. Pulitzer was distinctly invited, but nevertheless most of us feel that a more dignified message would have served the purpose. Of course, the main point this morning is the reply of Mr. Pulitzer. It is weak almost to the point of insanity. The effort at heroics is as absurd as it is grotesque. The World has simply received a dose of its own medicine and it does not make a pretty face when it has to swallow it.—Baltimore Star (Rep.)

—We venture the assertion that not 100 farmers in Duplin, Pender and other eastern counties have visited the State Test Farm near Willard. The State goes to a lot of expense with these test farms and they are generally located at a point where the largest number of farmers can reach them. These farms are of great interest and value and all farmers and truckers and those interested in stock and poultry raising should visit them as often as possible and watch closely the results. The test farm at Willard is in easy reach of all the farmers of this section. The trip there will certainly be a profitable one and the superintendent will be glad to show you everything. The results of all kinds of crops under different methods will be interesting.—East Carolina News.

—The reports from the White House that the President proposes to fire back at Congress a mass of material concerning members, which has been gathered by the secret service and from other sources, in case Congress should take action rebuking the executive for the secret service paragraph of the annual message, give point to the suggestion that, before taking any action, the legislative body should call upon the President for the information upon which he based his statements and insinuations. Such a course would be wise, it seems, since it would furnish Congress with all the available facts and enable the people, also, to form an opinion concerning the position of the executive and the legislative branch of the government. The profusion of the reports as to what the President would do in retaliation for an act of censure upon him points to an ugly situation, involving possibly the independence and immunity of Congress from executive threats and the implied terrorism of a secret service, but all of that may be avoided by a prompt request for the evidence in the President's possession. Upon the character of that evidence the final action of Congress might well be based.—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

TWINKLINGS.

—"They say that Cholly has lost his mind." "Is that so? Does he know it?"—Boston Courier.

—Boy—Gimme dat cigar, Doctor? Doctor—No, sonny; it would make you sick, and your father owes me a bill now.—Life.

—"What's in here?" asked the tourist. 'Remains to be seen," responded the guide, as he led the way into the mummy-room.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

—"Of course you play bridge only for fun?" "Of course. But it isn't any fun unless you are playing for money."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

—First Farmer—H'lo, Hiram! Where be you goin'? Second Farmer—Goin' to taown to git drunk, an' gwash hoaw I dread it!—Boston Transcript.

—"Papa's going to give us a check at the wedding instead of a present, Tom." "All right; we'll have the ceremony at high noon then instead of at 4 o'clock!" "Why, what for, dear?" "Banks close at 3."—Chicago Journal.

—The Angry Mother—You've got an awful nerve to ask me to give you back your ball when you nearly killed one of my chi'dren with it. The Boy—Well, ma'am, you've got ten children and we've got only one ball.—Chicago Tribune.

—Hippo—They tell me Tortoise has passed away. What was the trouble? Boa—He died of chagrin. After holding all the speed booby prizes for years with unquestioned supremacy, some envious rival inveigled him into a match race with a government contract.—Puck.

—Terrified Passenger (on ocean liner)—Captain, why is the steamer going so slowly and using its searchlight? Captain—Don't be alarmed, madam, the ship is in no danger. But in a fog like this we are always likely to run into somebody's blooming old balloon and make a nasty mess of it.—Chicago Tribune.

—Thomas Riley, a former attorney of Boston, was famous for his wit and powers of repartee. Once in trying a case, he found himself opposed by a lawyer named Lowe. Matters had not gone far before Riley became impatient, and, turning to the Jury, said: "Gentlemen, I have heard of Lo, the poor Indian, but who ever heard of Lowe, the poor lawyer?"—Argonaut.

Pyramids.

The largest of the Mexican pyramids, that of Cholula, has a base measurement of 1,488 feet and a height of 178 feet. The Great pyramid of Egypt, sometimes called the pyramid of Cheops, stands on a base each side of which was origfnally 764 feet long; but, owing to the removal of the coating, it is now only 746 fet. Its height, according to Wilkenson, was originally 480 feet 9 inches, its present height being 460 feet.—New York American.

Feminine Intuition.

Hattie—I'm positive George loves me and wants me to be his wife. Ella—Has he told you so? Hattie—No, but he has taken such a strong dislike to mamma.—Chicago Tribune.

The Uselessness of Worry.

Sympathy is loving understanding, and the expression of it helps a lot. Worry is sympathy run to seed—and that doesn't help in the least.—London Sketch.

It's mighty hard for a girl to get sentimental with a man who has just lost his job.—Atlanta Journal.

Where Bullets Flew.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done is worth more than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

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The average tenderfoot is not a coward. He simply lacks ranch experience. An illustration of this fact occurred down in New Mexico several years ago. One day a pale looking, thin and sickly young man alighted from the train and put up at the little adobe hotel at Bernal Springs. The tenderfoot walked up to the bar and called for a bottle of soda pop. "'Tain't allowed to drink that sort o' stuff out here," said a toughy. "What you want is a stiff drink o' red liquor. Mr. Barkeeper, set out the pison for this young feller." "You have the best of me," replied the tenderfoot, "and I'll have to drink the stuff, but I hope the time may come when I can make you drink my choice of liquid."

The tenderfoot raised the glass and gulped down the whisky. Sandy had had his way about it, and he made no effort to comprehend the vague remark of the stranger. The tenderfoot left for a ranch down the Pecos the next day after the incident in the saloon, and he was forgotten until one afternoon more than a year afterward a strong, healthy looking young man rode up to the hotel on a broncho, dropped the bridle reins upon the ground and dismounted. He had the appearance of a typical young man of the range. His face was bronzed and his eyes clear and penetrating. "I owe a fellow a debt which I believe I will pay right now," the stranger said.

No sooner had he made the remark than he walked off in the direction of Sandy, who had his gun in his right hand and was firing it into the air every few steps. The stranger approached Sandy, pulled his gun and unceremoniously dragged the bully up to the saloon and led him in that fashion up to the bar. "Get me a pan of water and set it upon the floor," he said to the barkeeper.

The order was complied with, Sandy standing there meekly, wondering what was going to happen to him. "Now, get down on the floor and drink water out of that pan like a dog," the former tenderfoot ordered. Sandy at first refused, but when the stranger began twirling his gun around on his forefinger and said the order must be obeyed the cowed fellow unlimbered and lay down upon the floor and began drinking water out of the pan.—Denver Field and Farm.

Cause of the Row.

Mrs. Popley — For goodness' sake! What's the matter with Tommy?

Mr. Popley (from the bathroom)—Oh, he wants the earth!

Mrs. Popley—Wants the earth?

Mr. Popley—Yes. At least that portion of it that I'm trying to wash off his hands and face.—Catholic Standard and Times.

Luck.

"Look as if you was feelin' pretty good today, James," said the first waiter.

"Yes, tiptop," replied the other.

"Some streak o' luck maybe?"

"Yes, tiptop tip."—Philadelphia Press.

Anger resteth in the bosom of fools. —Bible.

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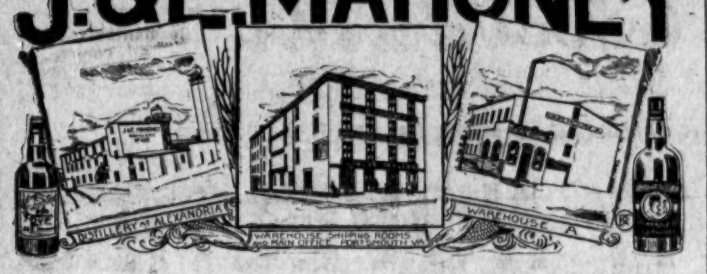

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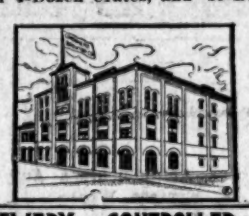

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AROUND *the* GLOBE FOR A WIFE.

[Original.]

Le Roy Remington was a young globe trotter. He had no idea that he was going to and fro on the earth hunting for something, but he was. All men from the time they are old enough to marry are hunting for wives, and all women from a similar period of their lives are hunting for husbands. Tell most of them this, and they will either laugh or get angry at you. Nevertheless the statement is true. Nature often fools us, but she never relaxes the enforcement of her laws.

As I was saying, Le Roy Remington was crossing continents and oceans, as he thought, to get rid of being bored. Had he been obliged to work for a living he would not have been bored so much. Had he been married he would not have been bored at all. He might have suffered under many irritations and annoyances, he might even have wished for a return of the freedom of bachelorhood, but he would not have been bored. Boredom does not usually belong to the married state.

One day Remington was crossing "the plains" of America somewhere between Omaha and San Francisco when the train stopped. The weather was warm, and the windows were open. A train from the opposite direction came rolling along with diminishing speed. It brought the girl Remington was looking for and stopped with her directly beside his window. Her window, too, was raised, and the two sat face to face within a few feet of each other. Remington looked at the girl, and the girl looked at Remington. He made the most of the brief time allotted him. The girl lowered her eyes. Then there was a toot-toot ahead, and Remington's train moved onward.

Remington was looking for this very girl, but he didn't know it till he was on the Pacific ocean midway between San Francisco and Hongkong.

By the time he stood again on dry land he had made up his mind that he must find the girl on the other side of the globe.

He went to Paris and from Paris started for London. On a railway train some twenty miles west of Paris, while stopping at a station, a train pulled past, and at a window in this train was the girl he had discovered he wanted.

It took Remington just thirty seconds to gather up his belongings and leave the train. During this brief interval it had occurred to him that the girl might be going around the world and he had better proceed westward in the hope of meeting her once more and at a standstill. But he dismissed the idea as ridiculous.

The train that had passed was bound for Paris, and Remington took the next one for the same place. His trunk went on to London. But he cared nothing for that. He could buy trunks and their contents, but he couldn't buy the girl who was going to Paris, though he could buy any one of dozens of other girls. She was surely going to Paris. All Americans who are approaching Paris are going there. And ten to one she would stay awhile there. So Remington returned to Paris and when he got there hunted through the registers of the hotels where Americans were accustomed to stay. At the Hotel Meurice he found the names "Mr. and Mrs. Edgar D. Avery, San Francisco, Cal, U. S. A., and Miss Edith Avery." The clerk told him that they had arrived at a time that corresponded with the arrival of the train on which he had seen the girl he was hunting.

While he was racking his brains how to secure an introduction he chanced to meet his intimate friend Philpot. He asked Philpot to dine with him the same evening, intending to talk the matter over with him. No; Philpot's friends, the Averys of San Francisco, had just arrived and he was engaged to drive with them. What luck! Would Philpot introduce him? Certainly! He would make an engagement to take him to call. They parted, and the next morning Philpot told Remington that he had made the engagement for five days ahead, the first evening the Averys were disengaged. Remington passed five weary, waiting days and on the afternoon of the fifth received a note from Philpot to say that the Averys had left Paris unexpectedly the day before.

Remington was crushed. He found Philpot, only to learn that the Averys had gone eastward to Hongkong to sail for San Francisco immediately on arrival at that port. Remington inquired the date of sailing of the steamer they would likely take and found he would not have time to reach it himself. He could go westward and reach San Francisco earlier than the party going eastward.

He left Paris that night for Southampton, caught an outgoing steamer and reached New York in six days. In two weeks from his leaving France he was in San Francisco waiting the arrival of the girl he was chasing. Whenever a steamer arrived from the east he was at the dock watching. At last he saw Miss Avery coming down a gangplank. That was enough for the present. He waited for a reasonable time for the family to get settled, then called.

Six months later Remington and his bride were traveling from San Francisco to New York on their wedding trip. At a station on the road the train stopped, and Remington for the first time informed Mrs. Edith Avery Remington of how he had met the woman he had wanted for his wife at that very station and had chased her around the globe.

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WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 19. 1908.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Friday, Dec. 18th:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 55 degrees; 8 P. M. 66 degrees; maximum 74 degrees; minimum 54 degrees; mean 64 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, 1.46 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville Thursday at 8 A. M. 6.3 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair Saturday and Sunday; Colder Saturday; moderate northwest winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 19.

Sun Rises.....7:06 A. M.
Sun Sets.....4:48 P. M.
Day's Lenth.....9 hrs. 44 min.
High water at Southport 4:12 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 6:28 A. M.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. E. G. Carrier, of Scotts Hill, was here yesterday on a business trip.

—Mr. Fleet Williams is at home from Trinity College to spend the holidays with his parents.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hartwell, of Bolton, were visitors to the city yesterday and returned home last night.

—Dr. C. F. Strosnider arrived yesterday from the University of Maryland to spend the holidays and is being cordially greeted by his friends.

—Messrs. W. F. Anderson, of Fayetteville; W. L. Hill, of Warsaw, and Norwood Spicer, of Goldsboro, were among the arrivals at The Orton yesterday.

—Constractor Joe Schad came up yesterday afternoon from Fort Caswell where he is engaged in extensive government construction, and left last night on a business trip to Norfolk, New York and Fort Hamilton.

—The hosts of friends of Colonel F. W. Kerchner, in Wilmington, will be delighted to know that a letter received in the city from his niece yesterday states that her uncle was improving greatly and that he sat up for four hours on Tuesday of this week; in fact, that the attending physicians say that his development of strength was almost miraculous.

YEAR'S WORK PLANNED.

Important Conference at Y. M. C. A. Young Men's Sunday.

To determine plans for the work of the Association during the coming year was the object of a conference at the Y. M. C. A. Thursday afternoon, attended by the officers of the local organization, Mr. C. B. Ober, field secretary of the South; Mr. G. C. Huntington, inter-State secretary of the Carolinas, and a number of business men. The first step in the inauguration of the year's work will be the observance of Young Men's Sunday on January 17th, at which time special services will be held at the city churches and a number of well known Association speakers will be obtained for the occasion. The week following the special observance a systematic canvass will be made for subscriptions to lift all encumbrances from the Association.

LEE H. BATTLE INDICTED

Former Cashier Defunct Greensboro Bank—Caused a Sensation.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 18.—Lee H. Battle, former cashier of the defunct City National Bank, of Greensboro, was indicted in the United States District Court here this afternoon on forty counts, alleging illegal practices. The bill of indictment charges three specific forms of malpractice—in the administration of the banks affairs—the overdrawing of large sums on his own account; a similar privilege extended the Pomona Manufacturing Company and the making of false returns to the comptroller of the currency.

The transactions alleged rival in ruthlessness ever aired in this State. Battle, who was president of the Pomona Manufacturing Company, as well as cashier of the bank, is alleged to have overdrawn the companies account at times as much as $175,000 and his own account to the extent of $18,000. These overdrafts were covered, it is claimed, by falsified returns to the comptroller.

Battle has long been one of Greensboro's most conspicuous citizens, being prominent in church and social circles and his indictment has caused a profound sensation.

NO FAITH IN THE RUMOR

Holland Does Not Believe Venezuela Has Declared War.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

The Hague, Dec. 18.—The Foreign Office here places no credence in the report that Venezuela has declared war against the Netherlands. This rumor was curent yesterday both in America and Europe and apparently originated in Bogota, Colombia. It is believed that the only basis for the report is the recent declaration by Vice President Gomez, of Holland's seizure of the coastguard ship Alexis. Even if the war rumor should turn out to be true the Government considers that the Dutch squadron now in South American waters is sufficient to meet all eventualities.

The Theatre

Yesterday was a particularly big day for the Crystal Palace and the gifts of three turkeys was most flatteringly received, because the Saturday rush is usually big and then, too, the offering this week is an exceedingly clever one. Yet something even better is promised for next week.

This afternoon the Palace will again delight the youngsters with a gift matinee, and the "kids" will be admitted for 10 cents, and besides being given a special performance, in which little Miss Barker will be the bright particular star, two handsome toys will be given away. Some little girl will be given a large and pretty doll, while a football will go to some boy. The first performance this afternoon will commence promptly at 3:45 o'clock.

"The Miner's Daughter."

Next week, for only the second time this season, the Academy will offer a week of popular prices. The attraction will be the Demorest Comedy Company, which is an organization claimed to be among the best of its class on the road. It is also very strong in a vaudeville way, as the company carries special actors for this part of each performance and which comes between acts of the play. Monday night, as a fine opening number, the modern success, "The Miner's Daughter," will be presented. The play is entirely new to Wilmington and is one of heart interest and is picturesque, no blood and thunder being in the piece. In connection with the play a delightful line of specialties will be given. The usual courtesy of ladies free, provided seats are reserved by Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock, will be accorded the ladies, and the sale of tickets will commence this morning at Plummer's.

At The Bijou.

A handsome series of pictures at the Bijou, yesterday afternoon and evening, describing most creditably the reception of the American fleet in Australia and the celebration in honor of the officers and jackies, was attended by splendid audiences at each performance. Something fully as entertaining and a bit more comical will be "A Night Out,' and "A Dearly Paid For Kiss," the three which compose the programme for this afternoon and evening. The Bijou has proven a popular rendezvous for the Christmas shoppers during the past few days.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The public library will close for the Christmas holidays on next Thursday afternoon and will be closed until the following Monday.

—Henrietta Jones, colored, was tried in Justice Furlong's court yesterday on two minor charges and sent to the county farm to serve 60 days.

—An exhibition game of basket ball at the Y. M. C. A. last evening, between Burkhardt's and Hanson's teams, resulted in a victory for the former by a score of 13 to 12.

—Dr. Charles T. Harper, of this city, will read a paper on "The Duty of the Municipality to the Tubercular Poor," at the approaching convention of the North Carolina Association for the Prevention of Consumption.

—The British steamer Largoe, Capt. Little, after a delay of three days, necessitated by repairs to her machinery, sailed yesterday afternoon. She has cargo of cotton for Bremen and received clearance papers the first of the week.

—Two deeds were filed for record yesterday conveying the following property: M. M. Haney and wife, to Isabella Benson, lot on Second street 132 feet north of Martin, 33x153 feet in size; Mrs. Catherine Holloway to Frank Jones and wife, lot on Miller street, 99 feet west from Woods street, 33x132 feet in size.

—The funeral of Eric Burke, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Burke, was conducted from the home, 605 South Front street, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, by Rev. Fred D. Hale, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church. The remains were interred in Oakdale cemetery.

—Mr. C. F. Boyden, of Salisbury, and Miss Grace Smith, of Wilmington, were the successful patrons of the Crystal Palace in the presentation of two fine turkeys at last night's performances. Patron No. 13,510 also has a fine fowl coming his way, if he will call at the theatre today.

—One of the prettiest calendars ever sent out by a Wilmington firm is that with which friends and patrons of Mr. J. O. Brown, the well known carriage builder at No. 13 North Third street, are being favored. It is a handsome work of art with embossed border of lillies of the valley, tulips and forget-me-nots, handsomely done in colors.

—The following officers of Oriental Court No. 5, Geo. Washington Council No. 67, Jr. O. U. A. M., were elected last night: Grand Orient B. D. Hamilton, Vice Grand Orient M. H. P. Clark, Grand High Priest C. A. Rourk, Grand Herald J. C. Lewis, Assistant Grand Herald R. C. Fergus, Treasurer H. W. Howell, Recording Secretary C. E. Fisher, Chaplain C O. Russ, Sentinel Ed Register, Trustees B. D. Hamilton, Dr. M. H. P. Clark and W. L. Moore.

Had a Close Call.

Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom Hotel, Vaughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough, and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles affected a complete cure." The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. 50c and $1.00 Trial bottle free.

SCHOOL EXERCISES

(Continued From First Page.)

and the sixth and seventh grades respectively told of "Settlements on the Cape Fear," and "Settlement of Wachovia." The song "Ho, For Carolina" and a Christmas song concluded the exercises with two excellent papers by Misses Lillian Davis and Jeannette Buck, the first on "North Carolina in Ye Olden Tyme," by Miss Davis, and "The North Carolina of Today," by Miss Buck. Of "North Carolina in Ye Olden Tyme," Miss Davis said:

"Many years ago North Carolina was only a vast forest and belonged to England. Now who would ever think of their State as a vast forest? In North Carolina there is a county called Catawba. It was named for a tribe of Indians who dwelt in that part of the State at that time. It was largely settled by Germans. In 1745 Henry Weldner, a trapper and hunter, came into this region. He brought with him two other men and when they came to the Catawba river, they were surprised to see that the Scotch-Irish had already settled along this river. It took these men six weeks' traveling on horseback to come from Pennsylvania, a much longer time than it takes one these days to cross and re-cross the Atlantic. They moved on and finally set their stakes on the high ground between the Coldwater and Buffalo creeks. There they pitched their tents until the trees could be cut down. Then they sent word for more Germans to come and see their new home and when they arrived they all engaged in work.

"One of the first things that was to be done was to cut down the trees and clear away the forest so that they could build cabins. These cabins were made of logs with one large chimney in the centre and consisted of about one or two rooms.

"Next they were to build a church where they might worship God. The preacher was always long-winded, his ability being measured by the length of his sermons. While the preacher was in the pulpit preaching a man stood beside him with a long stick and if anyone would nod or go to sleep he would tap them on the head with it.

"Their next thought was to build schools to educate their children. These schools were nothing to compare with ours. They did not have blackboards and slates but they used large pieces of wood for slates and charcoal for pencils. Instead of Arithmetic they had what they called 'figuring' and adding small sums. Everything was sums. The teacher would often send them out to an old log to do their sums, and they would have to dig them out the best way that they knew how. Irving has given a good example of the village school-master in his character of Ichabod Crane. His idea was a continuous use of the cane and scolding the children rather than the use of the speller. The blue back speller of those days had words as long as the child himself and the school session was an all-day affair.

"These were some of the primitive ways of our forefathers, but their perseverance and determination have brought us to where we are today."

The paper of Miss Buck on "The North Carolina of Today" was as follows:

"On the southern Atlantic coast lies one of the richest and most productive regions in the world—the State of North Carolina. On this State Nature has seemed to bestow the choicest of her gifts—a delightful climate, fertile soil, rivers that furnish waterpower and means of transportation and beautiful scenery.

"But although the State has been improved a great deal since out great grandfathers' time, it has been developed to small extent as yet, for the wonderful resources have scarcely been touched. The chief reason for this is the lack of transportation facilities, small steamers and poor railroading. The people, however, are waking up to the needs of their country, and it is predicted that in the near future the Old North State will hold a prominent place in the Union.

"One of the chief factors in the development of the State will be the rivers. North Carolina is one of the best watered regions in the United States. The total length of all her rivers put together is 3,200 miles, about the length of the Mississippi from Lake Itasca to the Gulf of Mexico, and the power from the falls of the rivers from the Piedmont Plateau to the Coastal Plain, will, it is claimed, manufacture twice the entire cotton crop of the South.

"As generally in the Southern States agriculture is the chief industry. North Carolina ranks high as an agricultural State. The chief products are cotton and tobacco. In consequence of the large production of these plants the country is dotted over with large cotton mills and tobacco factories.

"In the eastern part of the State, especially around Wilmington, is one of the finest trucking regions on the Atlantic coast.

"An interesting industry in the State at Magnolia is the raising of tube rose bulbs for the market. Four thousand barrels, or four million bulbs are raised there each year.

"North Carolina is noted for the value and extent of her forests. From her pine forests she obtains such a quantity of naval stores—tar, pitch and especially turpentine, that she is called the Turpentine State. The chief town for the export of these stores is Wilmington, near the mouth of the Cape Fear. Wilmington is an historic, old city, and is becoming a very busy city, gaining new enterprises gradually. Near Wilmington, and on the Cape Fear River, several important events in history have taken place. At Moore's Creek Bridge, in what is now Pender county, the first American victory of the Revolution was won, Feb. 27th, 1776, by the Americans over the Royalists.

"Fort Fisher, at the mouth of the Cape Fear, was one of the very last forts to surrender in the Civil War. A new fort, Caswell, now guards the mouth of the river.

"The climate of the mountainous western part of the State is very healthy, and mineral springs abound, hence many of the towns there have become popular as health resorts. It is also claimed that the scenery there is scarcely surpassed by that of Southern Europe.

"North Carolina has an excellent system of public schools, although attendance is not compulsory. It is said that North Carolina was one of the first Southern States to give serious attention to providing a system of public schools for its children.

"There are eight important colleges in the State, many schools of the deaf, dumb and blind, several orphan asylums, and two asylums for the insane. The first insane asylum in the United States for negroes was established at Goldsboro.

"A fact that will cause a most important change in North Carolina soon is that in the recent election the Prohibition Party carried the State, the law to go into effect Jan. 1st, 1909.

"A great amount of damage was done during the late Summer of the past year by the overflow of the creeks and rivers in almost every part of the State. Bridges and dwellings were swept away, live stock was drowned, and in some places all of the crops were destroyed. As much aid as possible has been given to the flooded districts and in spite of the great loss, it is predicted and believed by many that the year 1910 will be the most prosperous the State has ever known.

"Then lastly, but by no means least, there are the people. The 'Tar Heel' is the gentleman, courteous, kind, polite and noted for his hospitality."

The well written paper concludes with the quotation of Mrs. Martin's beautiful toast "The Old North State" which can only be reproduced by her permission but which is well remembered from its publication in these columns a few Sundays ago.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcement by Wilmington Pastors For Services Tomorrow.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Front and Queen streets, Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor: Services at 11 A. M., and 7:30 P. M., tomorrow, Sunday School at 3 P. M. Mid-week service Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend any or all of these services.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, corner of Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, D. D., pastor: Sabbath services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath School at 3:30 P. M. W. C. E. Society at 7 P. M. The Communion at the morning service. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public is cordially invited. Seats free.

First Presbyterian Church, corner Third and Orange streets, Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor: Services tomorrow, Sunday, at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 4 P. M. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:00. Seats free. Strangers welcome at all services.

Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., expects to preach at Castle Haynes tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

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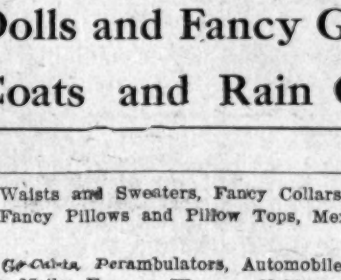

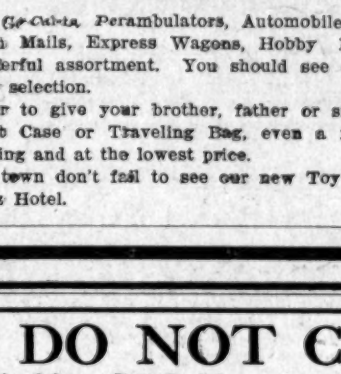

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PRICE OF COTTON LOW

This Opinion on Wall Street Gives Most Cheerful Prospects for Market—Review of Present Situation Reasons Prices.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 18.—Enormous receipts of cotton have at times had a depressing effect, yet it is a fact at once singular and significant that despite the incubus of a recent crop movement unparalleled in the history of cotton cluture, prices actually show a small net advance for the week. Probing for the causes for such a phenomenon, for it is practically that, they are to be found, first in the enormous consumption; second, as a correlative of this, the recent very heavy exports; third, the cheapness of the price, and, fourth, an overdoing of the short side. There have been too many bears in all sections of the country, owing to the mammoth receipts. But the price is relatively low and this must be numbered with the most important of the bullish factors. Then, again, the quality is admittedly superior.

Wall street has been buying, undismayed by the high receipts, weakening shot markets, the pressure of southern hedges and at times a pressure also of foreign selling. It has ignored reports of slackening business in this country, of poor trade on the Continent of Europe, of a diminished Lancashire business and an attempt in India to boycott British goods in retaliation for the sedition laws dealing with the unrest existing in that part of the British empire. It has ignored reports that the into-sight movement by January 1st, is likely to be 600,000 bales larger than during the previous high record season of 1904-05 when, according to the cotton exchange figures, the crop was 13,654,000 bales. It has paid no attention to private crop estimates of 13,500,000 to 14,000,000 bales or to the increasing stock here, to liberal tenders on December contracts or to talk to the effect that the increasing New York stock must inevitably have sooner or later a depressing effect on near options even though December, of late, has ranged at a premium of from 37 to 42 points over January.

Wall street has adhered tenaciously to the conviction that cotton is cheap, that 1909 is to be a big increase in American business in which the cotton industry is bound to share, that spinners' takings will be well over 13,000,000 bales; that the recent Government estimate of 12,920,000 bales, however, sharply attacked, was practically correct; that there is a short interest on foreign straddles here of any where from 500,000 to 1,000,000 bales; that another big short interest exists on Southern hedges and other bear selling.

Meantime reports are being received that the spot markets are beginning to resist any tendency towards lower prices. The current price is down nearly to the cost of raising cotton. Exhaustion of supplies is reported in some parts of the cotton country. The "weak" long interest has been largely weeded out here. Straddlers have been buying January, March and other months here against sales across the water in securing profits on a recent widening of the difference of something like $1 a bale.

Manchester and Liverpool have, within a day or two, shown a stronger tone. Lancashire's trade is said to be improving. Bears are nervous about the census bureaus report on ginning to be issued on Monday, December 21st. In other words, the boot is on the other leg. Recently the market was overbought. Now it looks to many as though it were oversold. Many of the spinning interests in this country are bullish at present prices. And, as intimated at the outset, the market shows a resisting power in the face of evtraordinary receipts, which occasions general remark. The indifference of the outside public is a drawback, but one house alone bought 25,000 bales of March and May today.

TO INSPECT THE CANAL

To Ascertain Condition of Foundations Under Docks and Dams.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 18.—The President is considering the advisability of having a thorough examination and report made on the character of foundations that underly the locks and dams along the line of the Panama canal. So much has been said recently concerning questionable conditions that exist beneath the sites of these works that it is regarded as important to carefully determine at this time the exact magnitude of the task of providing stable foundations for these locks and dams.

For this important duty, the President is considering the employment of civil engineers of eminence who are not now in the service of the Government, and who could not possibly be biased in their judgments because of any personal interest in reports previously made on the canal.

CAROLINA SOCIETY BANQUET.

Baltimore "Tar Heels" Are Addressed by Major General Bell.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Baltimore, Dec. 18.—Major General J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff, United States Army, who was the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the North Carolina Society tonight declared that the millenium and the substitution of arbitration for war would be coincident and that the latter would put a block upon the wheels of human progress.

He said that since the war with Spain this has ceased to be an isolated nation and he urged American statesmen to give due consideration to our external affairs and to see to it that future generations shall find themselves well protected in the matter of National defense and prepared for the war for trade that he asserted is inevitable in the future of this country.

DAMAGING TESTIMONY

Against the Defendant in Hains-Annis Murder Trial—Two Witnesses Testify to His Presenting His Pistol After First Shot.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The trial of Thornton J. Hains, on charges of aiding his brother Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., in the killing of William E. Annis, was adjourned tonight until Monday, after a day in which the State developed the strongest testimony so far adduced. Two witnesses, Herbert F. L. Funke and Arthur Andrews, both eye witnesses of the shooting, swore that there was an interval between the first shot fired by Captain Hains at Annis and the others that came in fairly rapid succession.

Both of these club members declared positively that Thornton Hains pointed his revolver at those on the float after the first shot and before the succeeding shots were fired. An exhaustive cross examination on this point, material to the prosecution's case, failed to shake their testimony. Andrews stated that following the first shot he saw the defendant point his revolver at the witness' father.

"There was a first shot, then an interval when there were some more shots in quick succession, then a pause and a lost shot which went through the sail. I ran when I saw Thornton Hains point his revolver at my father and stood under the dock," said Andrews.

The witness, Funke, gave a graphic description of the shooting of Annis. Standing by with his arms folded, the army captain waited until Annis' boat swept up beside the float, said the witness, then lifting the obscuring sail, Captain Hains fired several shots at the publisher.

John Tonning, the boatman who seized Captain Hains by the wrist at the time of the shooting, and who has been missing since early in October has been located, and he will likely be a witness in the case.

Mr. Funke said he say Captain Hains on the float as Annis' boat came in. Thornton Hains was standing about a yard from the captain who seized the boom of the boat with his left hand and with his right drew a revolver. Crying "Annis," the Captain fired at Annis, and almost immediately Tornton Hains pointed a revolver at the witness, who was about seven feet away. The witness said Captain Hains then fired about four more shots at Annis, paused and fired again. Mr. Funke said he could not be certain, but thought Captain Hains fired six time. Thornton Hains did not address the witness when pointing the pistol at him.

"The shooting had not ceased when I noticed Mr. Roberts, who came forward," said Funke. "A pistol was pointed in Roberts' direction by the defendant. They were about three feet apart."

"Was there any conversation later?"

"Yes. Between Mr. Downs and the defendant. Mr. Downs asked the defendant to turn over his gun, and he replied: 'There will be no more shooting. This is a case for the police. Call for an officer.' Mr. Downs said that it was a 'Gentleman's club' and he should turn over his revolver. The defendant then broke his revolver saying: 'You notice there are no shots fired from my gun.'"

—The Robesonian: Gen. F. A. Bond found the other day near his home, Hunters' Lodge, a turkey hen setting on a dozen eggs. Gen. and Mrs. Bond raise hundreds of turkeys on their place and this is the first one they've ever caught in the act of preparing to raise a brood at this time of the year. Gen. Bond reset the hen at a better place and on Tuesday, 14th, she hatched the full dozen.

GOOD NEWS.

Many Wilmington Readers Have Heard It and Profited Thereby.

"Good news travels fast," and the thousands of bad back sufferers in Wilmington are glad to learn that prompt relief is within their reach. Many a lame, weak and aching back is bad no more, thanks to Doan's Kidney Pills. Our citizens are telling the good news of their experience with the Old Quaker Remedy. Here is an example worth reading:

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Quick Work.

[Original.]

A number of detectives were lounging at headquarters awaiting assignments and swapping stories. All but one had told of some puzzling case that he had solved, and he was called upon to help the party pass the time.

"Come, Billy," said one of the number; "don't sit there mum when we're giving experiences. Tell us the most difficult case you ever tackled."

"You've all been giving that kind of cases. Suppose to vary the entertainment I give you the easiest case I ever tackled and you fellows guess how I solved it?"

"That's a good idea. Proceed."

"It was a case of identification, not one to discover a criminal, though I solved that, too, afterward. When I was on the secret service force of the town of Yardley a telephone came from a farmhouse a dozen miles in the country that the dead body of a man had been discovered lying beside a road so stripped and mutilated as to be unrecognizable. They wanted a police force sent out to attend to the matter. The captain told me to take the patrol wagon and a man or two and drive out to the place where the body lay. He charged me especially to find out the name of the murdered man, since it is bothersome for the police to keep a body and it's bad policy to bury it without identification.

"We drove out to the farmhouse from which the telephone was sent, where I found Farmer Bowers, who led me half a mile down the road and showed me the body. Whoever had done the job had taken great precaution to conceal the identity of his victim. Why he did so afterward gave me a clew by which I brought him to the gallows. The outer clothing had been taken off the body, and there was not a mark anywhere on his undergarments. A small bit of material had been cut out at the bottom of the shirt bosom, where shirtmakers usually place the owner's initials. The shoes probably bore the maker's name, for they had been taken away. As to the face, it had been mutilated beyond recognition. I looked for some defect on the body, like a mole or a birthmark, but there was nothing of the kind. No dog whined beside his murdered master. Indeed, there was no living thing about him, except the occupants of a dovecot on a barn near by and a cat in the road watching them.

"I confess I was puzzled. The only way I could see to find out who the man was was to take the body to the police station, publish the facts and wait for claimants. But this was not what the chief wanted. So I did a hard job of taking in surroundings and in fifteen minutes hit on an expedient. Two hours and thirty minutes after I arrived on the ground I had brought the murdered man's son from a distance of fifty miles to his father's body, which he identified at once beyond the slightest doubt. Now, how did I do it?"

There was a long silence, broken at last by one of the party, who claimed that some missing article, like a handkerchief with a name or initials on it or a paper tossed about by the wind, had been found. But the story teller averred there was no such article of any kind whatever. Then one man guessed that the cat mentioned belonged to the dead man and had his name and address on the collar. The reply to this was that the cat belonged on the farm where the barn stood. Then there was a guess that the man's son knew where his father was and came of his own accord. This would not do, for Billy had sent him a message to come and where to come to. One superstitious detective guessed that the murdered man's ghost gave the necessary information, and another suggested that it was a case of mental telegraphy. Finally every man gave up the conundrum and asked for the solution. The story teller resumed:

"Among the doves in the cot," he said, "I saw several of a different breed entirely from the rest. They were fraternizing with the others going and coming to and from the cot, but not at all like them. The reason why I noticed these apparent strangers was because I have always had pigeons on my barn at home, and I had never seen this variety before. I had seen pictures of them, but I couldn't remember the breed.

"While I was thinking a boy came up to the crowd carrying a wicker basket with a cover. He said he had found it a short distance up the road. I couldn't see any connection between it and the murdered man unless possibly he had been carrying something in it. Why it occurred to me I don't know, but I connected it with the pigeons.

"Suddenly I recollected. They were carrier pigeons. It's wonderful how rapidly sometimes one idea will lead to another. Suppose these interlopers had belonged to the murdered man? Without waiting to think about the improbability of such a contingency I went to the barn, climbed to the dovecot, caught a carrier pigeon, wrote on one of my cards, 'Come at once to Bowers farm, one mile east of Gerretsville,' tied it to the pigeon's leg, carried him away from the barn and let him go.

"That pigeon must have flown with incredible swiftness. He was received by the family of the murdered man who owned him and who was when killed taking his birds out on a trial trip. Fearing something had happened, the oldest son was commissioned to answer the summons. An express train left just in time for him to catch it, making but one or two stops before reaching Gerretsville."

OSCAR COX.

Animal Instinct.

A friend of mine saw two cats approaching each other on the top of a board fence. There was no room for them to pass each other, and he wondered what would happen. When they were near each other one of them stopped, turned around and retreated till it came to another board fence that joined at right angles the one they were on. The cat stepped off on this fence and waited there till the other went by. My friend thought this act showed an appreciation of the problem beyond the reach of instinct. No doubt those cats had met before, and one was master of the other. What more natural than that the defeated cat should retreat before the superior and when it came to the other fence step off upon it and let the victor pass? The action involved no mental process any more than when two inert bodies in motion meet each other and one gives way. There was no other course open to the cat. If she or he had turned back and taken to the side fence solely to accommodate the other cat, why, that were another matter.

The Gordon setter that met a train of cars upon a railroad bridge and stepped down upon one of the timbers of the bridge and stood there while the train passed gave no proof of reasoning powers. It was the only thing the dog could do. Nearly all animals know enough to get out the way of danger. If they did not, what would become of the race of animals?—John Burroughs in Outing Magazine.

Old Roman Laws.

The old Roman laws, according to Colquhoun, conferred on the husband complete empery over the wife. All she owned or earned was vested in him, and he acquired the same rights over her person and property as if she were his natural daughter. The wife, on the other hand, acquired all the rights to a child and to her husband's name and succession in the event of an intestate estate, and she could exercise all the privileges to which her sex admitted. The power of the ancient Roman father over his offspring was originally perpetual, nor could the child be emancipated from the father's control during the father's life except by that parent's consent, nor did he become sui juris until the father (being himself sui juris) died, when the son was emancipated by the simple operation of the law. In those brave days the father had legal permission to scourge his children or to send them, fettered like slaves, to work on his estate or even to kill them, choosing whatsoever means for their taking off he thought proper.

How the Brahman Cleans His Teeth.

When the Brahman cleans his teeth he must use a small twig cut from one of a number of certain trees, and before he cuts it he must make his act known to the gods of the woods. He must not indulge in this cleanly habit every day. He must abstain on the sixth, the eighth, the ninth, the fourteenth, the fifteenth and the last day of the moon, on the days of new and full moon, on the Tuesday in every week, on the day of the constellation under which he was born, on the day of the week and on the day of the month which correspond with those of his birth, at an eclipse, at the conjunction of the planets, at the equinoxes and other unlucky epochs and also on the anniversary of the death of his father or mother. Any one who cleans his teeth with his bit of stick on any of the above mentioned days will have hell as his portion.—"Hindoo Manners," by Abbe Dubois.

The Way to the Station.

A party of automobilists was touring through Virginia. An accident to the car forced them to take a train home. As they walked down the road seeking some one from whom they could inquire their way they met an old darky, says the Success Magazine.

"Will you kindly direct us to the railroad station?" one of the party asked.

"Cert'n'y, sir," he responded. "Keep a-goin' right down dis road till yo' gets to where two mo' roads branches out. Den yo' take de lef' one an' keep on a-goin' till yo' gets to where de ole postoffice uster be."

Creative.

A certain man coming from abroad was taken up by the smart set.

"We'll make a lion of him," quoth they, "for the distinction he will thereupon reflect upon us."

But the man was too little. It takes much material to make a lion.

"Then we'll make a monkey of him," said the smart set, determined to have some exercise for their creative genius.

Nor was the world the worse off. For, after all, it is the contribution to the gayety of nations that is especially needed.—Puck.

Disappointment.

Amateur Sportsman (after shooting best friend)—Too bad, too bad, but I thought you were a deer. The Victim—Don't fret. Amateur Sportsman—Don't fret! Why, man, I promised my wife a pair of horns.—Illustrated Bits.

The Main Trouble.

Wise—Oh, give us a rest for awhile, won't you? Doubley—Well, every fellow has a right to his opinion and— Wise—Yes, but the trouble is that he can't be made to realize that there may be a wrong to it.—Indianapolis News.

Patience.

Traveler (after waiting patiently for train for four hours)—She'll no be comin' the day, I doot? Porter—Hoots, mon, hae ye no patience? Ye'll just bide a wee while an' she'll be by!—Punch.

Indiscretion, malice, rashness and falsehood produce each other.—L'Enclos

LOVE VERSUS ROMANCE.

[Original.]

As soon as he heard of her widowhood he took a train, intending to see her. He had been engaged to her twenty years before, and when she married another man the discarded lover was heartbroken. He did not return her picture and had kept it by him ever since. At the time she jilted him he was an uncouth farmer's boy, while she was the belle of the village. That village had grown to be a town, and he was now its most prominent merchant. She had moved with her husband to another state.

She had married a farmer, and he was obliged to drive a dozen miles from the station to reach her home. He wondered if she would know him. It was not likely, for she had not seen him since she had married. He would know her among a thousand. Despite the fact that we know that our friends change, we see them in the mind's eye as when we saw them last. Coming to a snug farm with a neat house and ample barns on it, he pulled up before the gate. At the same moment a trim looking woman came to the door.

"I'm looking for the Widow Torrey," he said. "Can you tell me where her farm lies?"

"It lies right here."

"Are you Mrs. Torrey?"

"Yes."

She had changed, but did not look so much older as might have been expected. She was still a fine looking woman, apparently about forty-two. He looked at her admiringly, his only disappointment being that she so little resembled her old self. He made up his mind not to declare himself at once.

"I've heard, Mrs. Torrey, that since your husband's death you might conclude to sell your farm."

He had heard nothing of the kind. He wished to give an excuse for his coming.

"I'll sell anything I've got if I can get my price for it. Won't you tie your horse and come in?"

He tied his horse and went into the house. Everything looked spick and span. A little girl of four, the image of her mother, was the only other visible occupant of the house. Mrs. Torrey motioned to a rocking chair and seated herself on a sofa. After a little talk about the sale of the farm he got up and took a seat on the other end of the sofa.

"You don't remember me," he said.

She looked up at him, surprised and curious.

"I'm an old lover of yours," he added.

She scrutinized every line of his face, but failed to recall it.

"As soon as I heard of your husband's death I started to find you. I don't want to buy your farm, but I want you to sell it and come and live with me. I want to be a devoted husband and father to your little girl."

"Are you Sam Turner?" she asked.

"Sam Turner? No. I'm Enoch Weatherby."

She shook her head. "Sam Turner's the only lover I ever had before I was married, and I never heard of Enoch Weatherby."

"Weren't you Ellen Stevens?"

A new light came into her eyes. She burst into a laugh. "Ellen Stevens and I married brothers. She lives five miles up the road."

Enoch Weatherby was much discomfited. There seemed nothing for him to do but retire from the scene of his blunder. He arose, bade the widow goodby, unhitched his horse and drove away. He inquired along the route for Mrs. Torrey—the other Mrs. Torrey—and presently was directed to the farm where she lived. A woman apparently old enough to be his mother came to the door, followed by half a dozen noisy children, whom she was scolding in a rasping voice.

"I'm looking for the Widow Torrey," he said.

"I'm the Widow Torrey."

"Was your name Stevens before you were married?"

"Yes; I was Ellen Stevens."

"H'm!" There was a pause. "I've heard that since your husband died you might like to sell your farm."

"Well, I reckon I'd sell it if I could get enough for it."

She invited him in and told him all about her farm, the buildings on it, the stock and farming tools. She offered to show it to him, but he said he would not have time then, but might call again. Then he took his departure without declaring himself. The dream of twenty years was shattered.

He drove back to the other Widow Torrey and told her his story, asking her to keep his secret. Naturally she sympathized with her sister-in-law, but had not this nice, prosperous looking man been ready, supposing her to be his old love, to give her that love and protection she so much missed? She gave the desired promise.

In a few days her little girl received a big doll with eyes to open and shut, and soon after the mother unpacked a handsome inlaid book rack for her parlor table. The next thing that came was the donor, Enoch Weatherby, who again offered to take the widow and the little girl under his protection. Mrs. Torrey still had qualms of conscience respecting her sister-in-law, but since Weatherby assured her that that romance was passed forever she gave in, and there was a quiet wedding, to which the sister-in-law was not invited, lest the secret should come out and cause unnecessary embarrassment.

Was he to be blamed? He had parted from her when she was young and attractive, not through his fault. The chain of love had been broken. Not even the romance remained.

BEATRICE TUCKER.

A Horse's Toe Nails.

Few persons realize that a horse's hoof is really the same thing as the toe nails of human beings or of animals having toes. The horn of a hoof grows just as a toe nail does. The hoof grows more rapidly in unshod horses than in those wearing shoes, and it grows faster in horses which are well groomed and well fed. But on an average the horn grows about a third of an inch a month. Hind hoofs grow faster than fore hoofs. The toe of the hoof being the longest part, it takes longer for the horn to grow down there than at the heel. For instance, the toe will grow entirely down in from eleven to thirteen months, while the heel will grow down in from three to five months. As the new horn grows out any cracks or defects in the old gradually work down to where they can be cut off, just as with human finger nails you can watch the progress of a bruise from the roof to the tip.—New York Sun.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Laurinburg Exchange: Apropos the premium offered by the First National Bank to the one who grows the most corn on an acre of ground, it is interesting to note that Dr. Shaw raised 200 bushels of shelled corn on eight acres this year. He also picked 15 bales of cotton, averaging 500 lbs. to the bale, from 10 acres.

—Clarkton Express: More than a year ago the Presbyterian congregation at this place decided to build a new church but no definite steps were taken until last Sunday at a congregational meeting when $4,000 was subscribed, the same to be paid by October 1, 1910. It is expected that work will begin on the new building during the coming summer. It is supposed that the site to be selected will be where the old academy now is.

—Newbern Journal: A fire drill and test was made at the graded school yesterday and it was highly successful. The primary grades were emptied in 1 minute, 23 seconds; the second building was vacated in 1 minute and 32 seconds and the third in 1 minute and 25 seconds. The scholars presented a droll appearance some had their books and wraps; others did not. One child stopped to pick up an orange and there were several funny incidents. Good order was observed throughout.

—Fayetteville Observer: Dr. H. W. Lilly returned last night from Washington, D. C. While there he called upon the supervising architect of the Treasury Department in regard to the Federal building to be erected in Fayetteville. This official showed him the plans for the building which Dr. Lilly says will be a very handsome one. It will be built of grey brick, with Indiana lime stone trimmings, and will be so constructed as to allow for the addition of one or more stories. The architect said the work of erecting this building would be begun by the first of March.

—Salisbury Post: The old Trexler mine in Providence township, six miles from Salisbury, after a suspension of operations for more than 50 years, is being re-opened and will be worked for gold by a company composed of Mr. John Q. Foreman and two assistants. The company is now installing machinery and expects to begin getting out ore very shortly from the old main shaft. Mr. Foreman has some beautiful specimens of rich ore taken from this mine, which when it was last worked made a fine showing. Work preliminary to re-opening the mine was begun last June.

—Pender Chronicle: There is now a movement on foot to form a stock company to install a Telephone Exchange in the town of Burgaw and the surrounding country, and it is to be hoped that it will meet with great success, for there is no community that needs phones worse. Burgaw is about the only town of its size in the State that is without telphones, and there are only a few private phones in Pender county. The plan of the company is to build an exchange in Burgaw and run to Rocky Point and from Burgaw to Atkinson and from Burgaw to Maple Hill, connecting with the long distance line of the Southern Bell at Burgaw.

—Red Springs Citizen: On a visit to the college this week we saw improvements going on that are of especial interest to the public as well as to those confined to the limits of the college. The new laundry building and the power house for the electric light plant and steam heat are in course of construction, and the work will be completed as soon as the large force of hands employed can accomplish the task. Much of the material for the electric light plant has arrived, and as Dr. Vardell has a franchise from the town for furnishing lights, the same pirvileges will be given private citizens to secure them in their homes and places of business.

—Clarkton Express: There was a marriage of romantic nature celebrated a few miles south of Clarkton on last Saturday. The contracting parties were Miss Empie Brown, of Western Prong township and Mr. W. H. Becker, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The affair started three years ago. Miss Brown while picking strawberries wrote her name on a piece of paper and placed it in the bottom of a cup of berries. Mr. Becker happened to be the man who bought that particular quart in New York. A correspondence was started, photos exchanged, the courtship moved along as smoothly as you ever saw until the happy culmination last Saturday. Mr. Becker arrived in Clarkton one day last week and proceeded directly to the Brown home to look for the first time on his intended. After the marriage the happy couple left immediately for Brooklyn.

—Charlotte News: In the United States Court the grand jury has returned a bill against N. Glenn Williams, the well known whiskey manufacturer, Thomas Croft and Eliza S. Croft for conspiracy to defraud the government. There are nine counts in the bill of indictment, and all allege that the three conspired together to secure the placing and retention of the post office known as Williams in the third class with a salary of $1,100 by fraudulent means, some of these by taking stamps out of the office without authority and selling them to firms and individuals to be used at other offices and by making false reports of the business done. It is alleged in the bill that by these methods it was shown that the business for one period was about $800 when the actual business was only $60, and the aditional salary was converted to their use in violation of the laws of the United States.

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RESOURCES:		
Loans and Discounts		$ 957,110.34
Overdrafts secured and unsecured		3,740.29
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		200,000.00
Other Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		66,690.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		4,550.35
Bonds, securities, etc		49,885.00
Banking House, furniture and fixtures		5,000.00
Other real estate owned		None
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	$257,757.34	
Due from State Banks and Bankers	178,985.30	
Due from approved reserve agents	197,699.23	
Checks and other cash items	5,397.66	
Notes of other National Banks	6,900.00	
Fractional Paper currency, nickels and cents	1,398.23	648,137.76
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$26,000.00	
Legal tender notes	40,000.00	66,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)		10,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent. Redemption fund		3,874.00
Total		$ 2,014,987.74
LIABILITIES:		
Capital Stock paid in		$ 200,000.00
Surplus Fund		100,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		33,032.35
National Bank notes outstanding		200,000.00
Due to other National Banks	$484,033.15	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	459,199.01	
Due to 13 Trust Companies and Savings Banks	68,657.99	
Individual deposits subject to check	413,918.91	
Certified checks	1,071.25	
Cashier's checks outstanding	5,075.08	
United States Deposits	50,000.00	1,481,955.39
Bonds borrowed		None
Notes and bills rediscounted		None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed		None
Total		$ 2,014,987.74

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss:

I, C. N. Evans, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. N. EVANS, Cashier.

Correst—Attest:
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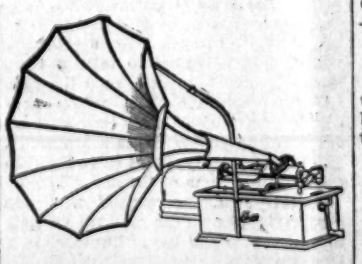

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RESOURCES.		
Loans and Discounts		$2,574,534 92
N. C. State and other Bonds		188,004 25
U. S. Bonds (at par		550,000 00
Bank Buildings		55,000 00
Cash		1,228,698 18
		$4,596,237 35
LIABILITIES.		
Capital	$	550,000 00
Surplus and Net Profits		298,134 69
Circulation		550,000 00
U. S. Bond Account		100,000 00
Deposits		3,098,102 66
		$4,596,237 35

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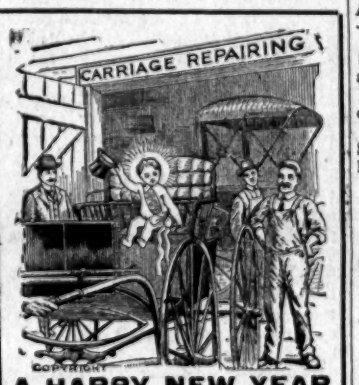

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NORTHBOUND.

	No. 43.	No. 41.
Lv. Wilmington	9:00 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:03 pm	9:55 pm
Ar Wilson	1:00 m	10:53 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	2:36 pm
Ar Norfolk	5:55 pm	
Ar. Petersburg	7:00 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	5:10 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	8:40 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:41 am	10:00 am
Ar. Philadelphia	4:21 am	12:18 pm
Ar. New York	7:23 am	2:45 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 43.
Lv New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar Philadelphia	11:27 am	12:15 am
Ar Baltimore	2:12 pm	2:51 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv Norfolk		8:25 am
Lv Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar Weldon	9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar Rocky Mount	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar Wilson	11:47 pm	1:53 pm
Ar Goldsboro	6:15 am	3:00 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9:25 am	6:10 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND FR. SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor.	9:05 am	7:20 pm	4:30 am
Ar Col'bia	12:25 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:15 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sa'n.	6:20 pm	2:10 am	9:54 am
Ar. Jk'vlle		7 15 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		6:25 pm	12:15 am

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa	8:55 pm	7:00 am
Lv. Jacksonville	8:55 am	7:45 pm
Ar. Savannah	1:05 pm	11:59 pm
Lv. Charleston	5:30 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:15 pm	2:55 am
Ar. Wilmington	12:45 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound Daily.
Lv. Wilmington	8:40 am	Ar 8:05 pm
Lv. Fayetteville	12:10 pm	Ar 4:45 pm
Ar. Sanford	1:40 pm	Lv 3:30 pm

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Ar. Newbern	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:25 am

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	No. 45	No. 39.
Lv. Wilm't'n	4:45 A. M.	3:00 P. M.
Ar. Lumb't'n	7:11 A. M.	5:43 P. M.
Ar. Maxton	7:52 A. M.	6:35 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet	8:45 A. M.	7:30 P. M.
Lv. Hamlet	9:05 A. M.	8:10 P. M.
Ar. Monroe	10:50 A. M.	10:20 P. M.
Ar. Ch'lotte	11:35 A. M.	11:30 P. M.

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SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00 8:30 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM WRIGHTSVILLE

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:20, 7:25, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 7:25, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:55, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM THE BEACH

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 7:15, 7:45, 9:15, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:45, 10:45 A. M. 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

TO GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO FROM WILMINGTON

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, *2:25, 3:00, *3:45, 4:30 *5:05, 6:00, *6:05, 7:00, *7:05, 8:30, *9:05, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

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TO WILMINGTON FROM GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:35, 7:45, 8:10, 8:40, 9:40, 11:10 A. M., 12:40, 2:10, *2:35, *3:55, 4:10, *5:15, 5:40, *6:15, 6:40, *7:15, 8:10, *9:15, 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at *8:35, *9:15, 10:10, 11:10 A. M., *12:15, 12:40, *1:35, 2:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 5:40, 6:10, 7:10, 8:1 , 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 18.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Market, steady 36 3-4c.

ROSIN—Market, steady $2.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

TAR—Market, firm $1.60.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm $1.75 per barrel for hard; $2.75 for dip and $2.75 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine steady 41 1-2; rosin nothing doing; tar steady $1.60; crude turpentine firm $2.00, $3.00 and $3.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	6
Rosin	139
Tar	181
Crude Turpentine	31

Receipts, Same day last year, 30 casks spirits turpentine; 150 barrels rosin; 287 barrels tar; 92 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, 8 1-4 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Steady, 11 3-8 cents.

Receipts—1,392 bales, same day last year 2,570 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, December 12th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@75c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c; Virginia, prime 60@65c; extra prime 70@75c; Spanish, 75@80c.

CORN—Firm, 97 1-2c per bushel for white; 92 1-2@95 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, old 17c; shoulders 11 @12 1-2c; sides 12 1-2c.

EGGS—Firm at 27c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@35c for large springs; growns, dull, 35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dr.flint, 10; green, dull 6c. per pound.

IRISH POTATOES—New 80 and 90c per bushel.

SWEET—POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel for yams.

WOOL—Free of burr, 15c; burry wool 10 to 21 1-2c.

TURKEYS—On foot 12 to 13c; 14 to 18c dressed. Good demand.

GEESE—Dull 50c per head; dressed 50c.

PORK—Good demand 6 to 8c; corn fed 8c.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 18.—The cotton market was steadier today on covering and reports that Southern spot offerings were smaller at the declines. The close was steady at a net advance of 5 to 11 points. Sales were estimated at 125,000 bales.

The market opened steady at an advance of 2 to 9 points in response to covering and some buying for a turn which was encouraged by a better spot demand in Liverpool, fairly steady English cables, and predictions of a falling off in the movement as soon as export engagements for shipments had been provided for. Southern houses were good buyers, supposed to be covering recent sales while brokers usually created with working for the interests long of December were the chief sellers of the later months.

After showing a net advance of 8 to 10 points prices eased off from the top under realizing by early buyers but steadied again toward the close, which was within a point or two of the best on most positions. Southern spot markets officially reported were unchanged to 1-16 cent higher and local spot people reported that their offerings were a little higher and that there had been some improvement in trade demand. The main factor, however, seemed to be evening up for over the Census report, due on Monday morning, following the recent sharp break which had created a considerable short interest and no aggressive support developed.

Receipts at the ports today were 77,759 bales, against 70,387 last week and 80,670 last year; for the week 380,000 bales, against 410,867 last year week and 400,750 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans were 16,614, against 12,453 last year and at Houston 12,673 bales against 17,103 last year.

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 9.1[illegible] middling gulf 9.35; sales 5,700 bales.

Futures opened steady and closed steady,

Month.	Open.	Close.
December	8.82	8.89
January	8.45	8.53
February	——	8.54
March	8.60	8.61
April	——	8.63
May	8.68	8.68
June	——	8.65
July	8.66	8.64
August	8.56-51	8.55
September	——	8.48
October	8.47	8.47

COTTON RECEIPTS.

New York, Dec. 18.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st:

Galveston	2,186,388
New Orleans	1,037,185
Mobile	227,366
Savannah	1,014,901
Charleston	141,976
Wilmington	279,759
Norfolk	349,291
Baltimore	50,685
New York	8,295
Boston	7,727
Newprot News	1,183
Philadelphia	1,995
San Francisco	20,749
Brunswick	203,719
Port Townsend	28,772
Pensacola	69,464
Port Arthur & Sabine Pass	36,511
Jacksonville	20,262
Eagle Pass, Texas	150
El Paso, Texas	50
Ladero, Texas	100
Texas City	20,456
Minor Ports	1,011
Total	5,708,195

HESTER'S COTTON STATISTICS.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New Orleans, Dec. 18.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton, issued today, shows the total visible to be 5,024,396 bales against 4,882,839 last week and 4,384,659 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 4,244,396, against 4,134,839 last week and 3,469,783 last year, and of all other kinds including Egypt, Brazil, India, Etc., 780,000 against 748,000 last week and 914,876 last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 2,589,600 against 2,335,000 last year; in Egypt 261,000 against 223,000 last year, and in India 211,000 against 342,000 last year, and in the United States 1,963,000 against 1,483, last year.

Comparative Cotton Statement.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 18.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending Friday, Dec. 18:

Net receipts at all U. S. ports during week 394,387.

Net receipts at all U. S. Ports same week last year 396,479.

Total receipts since September 1st 5,708,190.

Total receipts to same date last year 4,461,378.

Exports for the week 266,593.

Exports for same week last year 334,693.

Total exports since September 1st 3,952,184.

Total exports same date last year 3,290,802.

Stock at all United States ports 1,459,341.

Stock at all United States ports same time last year 985,873.

Stock at all interior towns 855,916.

Stock at all interior towns, same time last year 517,795.

Stock at Liverpool same time last year 727,000.

Stock of Am. afloat for Great Britain same time last year 393,000.

PORT MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Galveston—Firm, 8 3-4; net receipts 16,185; stock 294,950.

New Orleans—Quiet, 8 11-16; net receipts 16,614; stock 270,106.

Mobile—Steady, 8 9-16; net receipts 1,503; stock 82,598.

Savannah—Firm, 8 1-4; net receipts 6,886; stock 165,646.

Charleston—Quiet, 8 1-4; net receipts 1,832; stock 29,433.

Wilmington—Quiet, 8 1-4; net receipts 1,392; stock 18,213.

Norfolk—Steady, 8 13-16; net receipts 5,367; stock 51,146.

Baltimore—Nominal, 8 7-8; net receipts 4,968; stock 33,902.

New York—Quiet, 9.10; net receipts 124; stock 132,357.

Boston—Quiet, 9.10; net receipts 15.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 9.35; net receipts 100; stock 6,055.

Newport News—Net receipts 579.

Brunswick—Net receipts 21,545; stock 60,935.

Jacksonville—Net receipts 485.

Total today, at all ports, Net 77,595; Great Britain 24,292; France 12,000; Continent 2,807; stock 1,145,344.

Consolidated, at all ports, Net 394,387; Great Britain 113,906; France 62,353; Continent 84,563; Japan 4,421; Mexico 450.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports, Net 5,708,190; Great Britain 1,575,944; France 580,837; Continent 1,738,812; Japan 54,638; Mexico 1,953.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 8 11-16; net receipts 12,673; stock 142,401.

Augusta—Quiet, 8 3-16; net receipts 2,653; stock 97,972.

Memphis—Steady, 8 3-4; net receipts 4,593; stock 174,242.

St. Louis—Dull, 9.00; net receipts 879; stock 36,724.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 518; stock 18,491.

Louisville—Firm, 9.00; net receipts 256; stock 210.

Little Rock—Steady, 8 1-4; net receipts 2,392; stock 44,790.

Total today—Net receipts 23,964; gross receipts 30,605; shipments 26,128; sales 5,319; stock 514,830.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Dec. 18.—Cotton: Spot quiet; prices 2 points higher; American middling fair 5.36; good middling 5.00; middling 4.82; low middling 4.62; good ordinary 4.11; ordinary 3.71.

The sales of the day were 7,000 bales of which 300 were for speculation and export and included 6,300 American.

Receipts 16,000, including 12,200 American. Futures opened steady and closed barely steady. December 4.67-1-2; December and January —— January and February 4.64 1-2; February and March, March and April, April and May 4.64; May and June, June and July 4.64 1-2; July and August 4.64; August and September 4.56; September and October 4.54; October and November 4.51; November and December 4.48; December and January 4.49; January and February (1910) 4.48.

THE DRY GOCDS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 18.—The dry goods market holds steady and quiet with the movement on orders very full. Anticipations of deliveries are common for Western and Southern shipment. A movement is on foot in the wholesale district to close on the day following Christmas. Cotton yarns are easy. The American Woolen Company has announced its intention of protecting and guaranteeing its prices for merchandise for fall 1909.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 18.—There was further weakness in stocks today, but the market was not so entirely without support as was the case yesterday. Last prices, in fact, were little changed. Efforts were plainly seen during the early part of the day to arrest the decline. The resistance shown by American Smelting at 80 and by United States Steel at 53 were examples. When the Smelting stock began to break to new low records the bears threw off their timidity and renewed the attack on the general list. The assumption is widespread that a concerted professional attack is responsible for the decline in prices, and the quick rallies from time to time, indicating a hasty covering of shorts, is corroborative of this view. The hostile array of great financial groups was in unpleasant contrast with the hopes recently prevalent on the financial district of a drawing together of all the great forces of wealth into harmony and co-operation. Perhaps a rational explanation of the pressure of liquidation in the stock market was found in the outlook for tomorrow's bank statement. The rise in money rates during the week seems to have attracted some funds from other points, the gain of the local banks on the balance of the interior movement rising sharply over last week to over $2,000,000. This is a meagre offset to the sub-treasury's absorption of $24,453,000.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, were $5,960,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales of stocks today were 1,064,500 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 18.—Money on call firm 2 to 3 1-2 per cent., ruling rate 3, closing bid 2, offered at 2 1-2. Time loans easier; sixty and ninety days 3 1-4 per cent., six months 3 1-2 to 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 to 4 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8490 to 4.85 for sixty day bills and at 4.87 for demand. Commercial bills 4.84 5-8 to 4.84 3-4. Bar silver 48 1-4. Mexican dollars 45.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	103
U. S. refunding 2s cou	104
U. S. 3s reg	100 3-4
U. S. 3s cou	100 3-4
U. S. 4s reg	120 1-4
U. S. 4s cou	121
Amr. Tobacco Co. 6s	107 7-8
Atlantic Coast Line 4s b	95 7-8
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	100 3-8
L. & N. Unified 4s	101 1-2
Seaboard Air Line 4s of	62
Southern Railway 5s	108 1-2
U. S. Steel 5s	102 1-2

Closing Stock Lists.

Amalgamated Copper	79
Amr. Car & Foundry	46
Amr. Car & Foundry pfd	107 1-2
Amr. Cotton Oil Co.	41 3-4
Amr. Locomotive	54 3-8
Amr. Smelting & Ref	79 1-4
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	99 3-4
Amr. Sugar Refining	128
Amr. Tobacco pfd	91
Atchison	96 1-8
Atchison pfd	101 5-8
Atlantic Coast Line	106
Baltimore & Ohio	109
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	91 1-2
Chesapeake & Ohio	56 1-4
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	148 1-4
Colorado Southern	56 7-8
Erie	33 1-4
Erie 1st pfd	47 3-4
Erie 2nd pfd	38
Great Northern pfd	144
Kansas City Southern	37 1-4
L. & N.	121
Norfolk & Western	83 1-2
Northern Pacific	140 5-8
Pennsylvania	129
People's Gas	100 1-4
Reading	139
Rock Island Co.	22 5-8
Rock Island Co. pfd	58 1-2
Southern Pacific	119 5-8
Southern Pacific pfd	122 1-2
Southern Railway	24 1-2
Southern Railway pfd	58
Standard Oil	670
Union Pacific	180 3-8
U. S. Steel	52 7-8
U. S. Steel pfd	111 5-8
Va.-Car. Chemical	43 1-4
Va.-Car. Chemical pfd	113
Western Union ex div	66 7-8
Westinghouse Electric Co	86

THE RICE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 18.—There has been some improvement in the demand for rice from distributors the past week, especially from sections where of late little interest was shown. Generally speaking, however, business is quiet, reflecting a seasonable activity of growers in holiday goods.

Some complaint is heard that poor collections are preventing buying by wholesalers whose stocks cannot be large. It is possible also that the trade is holding off in expectation of lower prices for Japan, though it is pointed out that this rice is a full cent less than last year. Brokers reported an easier tendency to offers from Southern mills, which owning plantations were consequently independent in this matter of rough rice. Honduras sorts find a steady market here being in moderate supply especially as regards fancy heads. Receipts are not large and being in considerable part sold to arrive do not tend to swell stocks in store. The assortment of Japan's is good and the supply plentiful.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 18.—Flour dull and barely steady.

Wheat—Spot barely steady; No. 2 red 1.06 1-4 to 1.07 3-4 elevator. Options closed quite firm at only o partial 1-4c net decline. Dec. 1.08 1-4; May closed 1.10 1-4; July 1.04 1-4.

Corn—Spot easy; No. 2, 65 to arrive elevator. Options weak with the West closing 5-8c net lower. Dec. 66; May 67; July 67.

Oats—Spot easy; mixed 54 to 54 1-2.

Lard and Pork—Steady.

Tallow—Quiet, but firm.

Rice—Quiet.

Molasses—Firm.

Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3.27.

Coffee—Steady; Rio No. 7, 6 -58; Santos No. 4, 7 7-8 to 8 1-8. Mild—Dull; Cordova 9 1-4 to 12 1-2. Futures closed steady at a net advance of 5 to 10 points.

Butter—Steady, unchanged.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Irregular; State, Pennsylvania and nearby brown mixed fancy 34 to 36; fair to choice 31 to 33.

Cotton Seed Oil generally steady with a quiet speculative trade. Prime crude 29 1-2; prime summer yellow 38 to 3-4; off summer yellow 37 2-3 to 38 1-4; good off summer yellow 37 1-4 to 38 1-2; prime white 38 3-4 to 41; prime winter yellow 44 1-2 to 47.

Peanuts and freight—Quiet, unchanged.

Potatoes—Steady; Southern sweets per barrel 1.50 to 2.50.

Cabbages easier; state per ton 30 to 33; red 35 to 40.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Weakness of coarse grain grain had a depressing effect on the wheat market today but buying by shorts caused a steady tone at the close. Final quotations were unchanged to 1-8c lower, compared with the previous close. Corn and oats closed weak and provisions steady.

	Opening.	Highest.	Closing.
Wheat—			
Dec.	1 00 3-8	1 00 5-8	1 00 5-8
May	1 05 3-4	1 06	1 06
July	97 3-8	97 7-8	97 7-8
Corn—			
Dec.	57 1-2	57 1-2	56 3-4
May	60 3-4	60 7-8	60 1-4
July	60 5-8	60 3-4	60 1-8
Oats—			
Dec.	49 1-4	49 1-4	48 3-4
May	51 5-8	51 3-4	51
July	46 5-8	46 5-8	45 3-4
Mess Pork, per bbl.—			
Jan.	15 70	15 75	15 70
May	16 02 1-2	16 12 1-2	16 07 1-2
Lard, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	9 15	9 20	9 15
May	9 35	9 40	9 37 1-2
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—			
Jan.	8 12 1-2	8 20	8 15
May	8 42 1-2	8 50	8 47 1-2

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady; No. 2 wheat 1.05 to 1.07; No. 3 98 to 1.06; No. 2 red 1.02 to 1.03; No. 2 corn 57 to 57 1-2; No. 2 yellow 57 to 1-2; oats, No. 3 white 48 to 50; No. 2 rye 74 to 1-2; good feeding barley 56 to 1-2; fair to choice malting 58 1-2 to 64; No. 1 northwestern 1.47; prime timothy seed 3.85; clover, contract grades 9.30; short ribs, sides (loose) 7.75 to 8.12 1-2; mess pork, per bbl. 14.55 to 14.65; lard, per 100 lbs. 9.15; short clear sides (boxed) 8.37 1-2 to 8.50.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 18.—Rosin steady. Turpentine quiet.

Charleston, Dec. 18.—Spirits turpentine firm 37 1-4. Rosin firm. Quote: A B C, 2.80 to 2.82 1-2; D, 2.80 to 2.82 1-2; E, 2.80 to 2.82 1-2.

Savannah, Dec. 18.—Spirits turpentine firm, 37 3-4; sales 190; receipts 708; shipments 170. Rosin firm; sales 2,868; receipts 3,491; shipments 391; stock 159,911. Quote: B D E, 2.90; F G, 2.92 1-2; H, 3.40; I, 4.15; K, 5.10; M, 5.80; N, 6.15; WG, 6.40; WW, 6.50.

MARINE

ARRIVED.

Str. City of Fayetteville, Smith, Fayetteville, C. P. Love.

Str. Duplin, Stokes, Smith's Bridge, J. A. Munn.

CLEARED.

Schr. Wm. Thomas Moore, Bell, Little River, S. C., C. D. Maffitt.

Str. City of Fayetteville, Smith, Fayetteville, C. P. Love.

SAILED.

Br. str. Langoe, Little, Bremen Alexander Sprunt & Son.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 18, 1908.

C. C. Railroad—45 bales cotton; 12 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—5 bales cotton.

W. C. & A. Railroad—1,047 bales cotton; 16 barrels tar; 25 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—98 bales cotton; 1 cask spirits turpentine; 100 barrels rosin; 53 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—32 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 39 barrels rosin.

Str. Lyon—119 bales cotton; 100 barrels tar; 6 barrels crude turpentine.

Schr. Missouri—7 bales cotton.

Schr. G. Moore—35 bales cotton; 3 casks spirits turpentine.

Schr. Josie D.—4 bales cotton.

Total—1,392 bales cotton; 6 casks spirits turpentine; 139 barrels rosin; 181 barrels tar; 31 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port of Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Str. Helena (Br.) 2,708 tons, Kelley, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Cardigan (Br.) 2,689 tons, Davis, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Valhalla, (Br.) 1,660 tons, Merryfield, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Holmlea, (Br.) 1,143 tons, Airey, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Horace P. Shares, 392 tons, Flynn, C. D. Maffitt.

Joel L. Cook, 319 tons, Loveland, C. D. Maffitt.

Millie R. Bohannan, 570 tons, Little, C. D. Maffitt.

Ada F. Brown, 1,294 tons, Wallace, C. D. Maffitt.

Barges.

Flore, Little River, S. C., Hammer Lumber Co.

A Practical Christmas Gift.

Open an account with The People's Savings Bank in name of Wife, Mother, Sister, or Child. The Pass Book you receive will make a fine Gift, and will be an everlasting and daily reminder of the donor. Interest will begin January 1st. 3t.

Crude Turpentine.

Distillers quote crude turpentine as follows: $2.75 for dip and virgin, and $1.75 for hard.

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MERRY XMAS

Suggestions for "Him"

SUIT, OVERCOAT, RAIN COAT, BATH ROBE, SUSPENDERS, UMBRELLA, SHIRTS, GLOVES, NIGHT ROBES, UNDERWEAR, HANDKERCHIEFS, HOUSE COAT. HOSIERY, MUFFLER. TIES, ETC.

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Our store being headquarters for Men's things, the question is very easily answered. For men, both Old and Young, Great and Small, we've ideal gifts—just the sort of gifts that will be appreciated the most, after Christmas is over.

From our stock of Men's excellent Garments, correct Headwear and choice Haberdashery the most appropriate Christmas gifts, it is possible to make, can be chosen.

Make your selections early, while the picking is the best. Better now than later.

You'll find our prices no barrier to choosing exactly what you'd like to give "Him."

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TAILORS, CLOTHIERS, HATTERS AND HABERDASHERS.

Remember, that we are now in our New Home, 212 North Front Street.

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TIDEWATER POWER COMPANY'S STOCK
as a safe and profitable investment.
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The Preferred stock pays monthly dividends; is non-taxable in Wilmington, the Company paying the taxes. Will be sold in lots to suit those who wish to invest sums from $50 up to $1,000.
Special information upon application. jul 17 tf

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Express Money Orders AT BUNTING'S.

Manicure Sets and extras; Celluloid and Leather Finger Nail Buffers; Orange Wood and Pearl Sticks AT BUNTING'S.

Perfumeries, Sachet's and Toilet requisites; Houbigant's, Piver's Roger and Gallet's and a host of others AT BUNTING'S.

Celluloid Powder, Soap and Talcum Boxes, Shaving Mugs, Shaving Brushes AT BUNTING'S.

Rubber Gloves; Gillette and other Safety Razors, from $1.00 up; Fine Barber Razors; pearl Handle Knives AT BUNTING'S.

Hair Brushes, Combs and Mirrors; Beautiful Calendars, 25c and 50c AT BUNTING'S.

Nunnally's and Kern's candies AT BUNTING'S.

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Can furnish twenty-six inches to forty-seven inches high, both six and twelve inch stays.

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Umbrellas for Ladies and Gentlemen.
Table Cloths with Napkins to match.
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Ladies and Gentlemen's Kid Gloves.
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A new lot of furs just in by express.

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THE PRODUCTION OF STEEL RAIL

Subject Under Investigation By Ways and Means Committee.

THE STEEL CORPORATION

The Chairman of its Board of Directors Gives Some Interesting Information—American and European Cost of Production.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 18.—E. H. Garey, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, was the first witness before the Ways and Means Committee today when the steel schedule was taken up. He had been subpoenaed. Judge Garey said the Steel Corporation can produce iron and steel materially cheaper than most of its competitors. He estimated the differences in cost at about a dollar a ton.

"Don't you believe that it is more than a dollar a ton?" asked Chairman Payne.

"I do," replied Judge Garey, "The Corporation, which has a decided advantage in the quality and quantity of ore and an advantage in owning its own lines of transportation by lake and rail, can naturally manufacture pig iron cheaper. I think there is no doubt that the difference is more than $2."

Judge Garey testified that the cost to produce pig iron in England is $9 a ton; that the lowest cost in the Lorraine district of Germany is $8.50 a ton and in other parts of Germany $11 a ton. He said that eliminating the profit all along the line that entered into the manufacture of pig iron the cost of production in the United States is $12.65 a ton. He said that the general manufacturer could not produce it for less than $15 a ton.

"What percentage of the iron production is turned out by your company?" asked Chairman Payne.

"Last year, 41.7 per cent. of all."

"How much in 1902?"

"A little less."

Judge Garey was asked by Mr. Payne to give the cost of manufacturing steel rails and he gave it at $22.81 for Bessemer process.

Judge Garey said this cost is cheaper than the cost at which the competitors of the steel Corporation can produce rails. He said that the United States Steel Corporation produced about 50 per cent. of the steel rails manufactured during the last five years.

Judge Garey gave the prices of rails in foreign countries. The domestic price in Germany, he said is $29.02 a ton and the export price $22.20; in Great Britain $27.98 and $23.61; in France there is a difference of $8.

"They do in Europe as they do here," said the witness. "They dump their surplus in foreign markets."

At another point Judge Garey said the average mill price on rails for export is 7 1-2 per cent. less than the domestic price.

Representative Champ Clark asked why the American manufacturers did not sell the surplus in the home market.

"No railroad that is able to pay $25 a ton has gone without them because they cost $28," replied the witness. "I think this question should be approached from a different stand-point. I don't think that a manufacturer, on account of the tariff of anything else, should get more than a fair return on his investment."

Mr. Clark inquired how Judge Garey proposed to prevent the manufacturers from charging a price that gave them more than a fair return on their investment.

"By publicity and government control of the manufacturers," he responded, adding that he was merely giving his personal opinion.

"Is it true that the United States Steel Corporation fixes the prices of steel products?" asked Mr. Clark.

"Certainly not."

"Then how is it that for some years back the price of steel rails has been $28 a ton?"

"The price was fixed in 1899 at a conference of steel manufacturers and with the advice of possibly a few railroad companies as to what would be a fair price for rails. Since that time the steel manufacturers have adhered to that price and I doubt if any of them would change it without notifying the others. They have no agreement and do not have any meetings. I believe this adherence to the one price is the result of the knowledge which each of them has of the other's business, due to publicity. Everyone seems satisfied that the price is a fair one."

"Isn't it true that you have such a control of the industry that if you fixed the price none of the independent manufacturers would dare to set a price below yours?" asked Mr. Clark.

"That may be true as far as steel rails are concerned," Judge Garey replied, but qualified his answer by saying he did not mean that the Steel Corporation has a hold on the industry, but that the independents recognized the advisability of maintaining one price.

No Need to Worry.

Over your Christmas presents, go to The People's Savings Bank and open an account in the name of Wife, Mother, Sister, or Child. The Bank Book you receive will make a fine present. Small accounts are welcome at this bank and interest will begin January 1st. 3t

Pale Delicate Women and Girls.

The Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out malaria and builds up the system. For grown people and children, 50c.

STORY OF MURDER

Told By Witness Who Was Forced to Accompany the Band—First Day's Testimony Favorable for State—Fehringer Confesses.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 18.—At the end of the first day's testimony in the night rider trial the State had made material progress. He had succeeded in presenting testimony supporting the identification of two of the prisoners as members of the masked band.

The court room was packed to suffocation. The prisoners, unkempt scrowling and silent, paid little attention to proceedings. Only once today did they betray any emotion. One witness who had been sworn into the band against his will, as he alleged, testified that the only part of the oath he remembered was that part which provided that they would kill him if he revealed anything.

O. D. Powell, husband of the only woman witness yet to be called, was an important factor in the State's behalf today. Powell said he was dragged from his bed the night of the Ranken murder and forced to accompany the band to the Walnut Log hotel from which Ranken and Taylor were taken. Powell recognized Frank Fehringer, as the man who opened Ranken's valise, took out and read a letter. He identified Garrett Johnson as the leader and "Bony Ransom as the man in the white mask, the only one who was disguised.

Fehringer has confessed and will be used by the State as a witness.

When Tribers took Ranken and Taylor from the hotel into the woods, they took Powell along too. He heard them questioning the two men as to their title to the land Reelfoot district. Near the spot where Ranken was murdered they halted Powell until the murder was done. Then they asked him if he recognized any of them and when he said none they told him to tell Ward, the hotel proprietor, to come down for the bodies of his guests.

Powell was arrested by the soldiers and testified before the coroner that he failed to recognize the riders, but did so because he feared for his life. He was present when the body of Ranken, wrapped in a sheet, was carried from the spot upon which he was assassinated to the Walnut Log hotel. Wilson has since died while under indictment for murder. He was one of the men named by Fehringer in his confession.

BRADSTREET'S TRADE REVIEW

The Condition of Wholesale and Jobbing Dry Goods Trade.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 18.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

Holiday trade shows further expansion, and most cities report of buying of this character is equal to or slightly in excess of last year. In some sections, particularly the south, holiday trade is not so good as in 1907. The larger centers are doing well and armies of shoppers are in evidence, but many small cities report a relatively light business and demand shifting to cheaper lines.

In regular retail lines unseasonable warm weather has been a drawback, particularly southwest and south, as for some time past. Wholesale trade is quieter, and, except for some hurry orders to sort up depleted stocks, jobbers also report less doing. Inventories and stock takings naturally predispose to less activity from now till after January 1st. Reports from leading industries are of gradual gains and slow progress back to normal.

There are some orders for steel rails from railroads. There is more demand for lumber, some of this on account of railroad buying, with firmer prices for yellow pine. In the past week there have been evidences of some lines of cotton goods, such as bleached fabrics and gray goods, being offered at concessions, a possible result of the easing in raw material, but well known makes of cotton dress goods are firmly held and closely sold up.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending December 17th number 310, against 298 last week, and 300 in the like week of last year.

MORE MONEY FOR CANAL

Congress Asked For Urgent Deficiency Appropriation of $5,458,000.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 18.—A request for an urgent deficiency appropriation of $5,458,000 to carry on the work on the Isthmian canal at the present rate during the balance of the fiscal year and for new projects was received by the House today from the Secretary of War. Last year a deficiency appropriation of $11,990,000 was made.

The principal share of the desired appropriation is for the Atlantic division where are located the Gatun locks and dam. For this division an appropriation of $3,345,000 is requested.

Chairman Goethals, of the Commission, explained that the current appropriation was based on the mistaken idea that Congress had appropriated for a rock crushing plant at Porto Bello, and to transport the crushed rocks. For these purposes $2,500,000 is now asked.

Of the total appropriation requested $2,458,000 is for labor and $2,400,000 for materials.

Would Mortgage the Farm.

A farmer on Rural Route 2, Empire, Ga., W. A. Floyd by name, says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured the two worst sores I ever saw: one on my hand and one on my leg. It is worth more than its weight in gold. I would not be without it if I had to mortgage the farm to get it." Only 25c. at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

SENATOR KNOX IN TAFT CABINET

His Acceptance of Secretary of State Announced by President-elect

ONLY OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT

Distinguished Pennsylvanian Was Prominent Candidate for Presidency—Taft Greatly Pleased With the Decision.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 18.—William H. Taft, President-elect of the United States, tonight announced the appointment of United States Senator Philander C. Knox, of Pennsylvania, as Secretary of State in his Cabinet.

The announcement followed the receipt by Mr. Taft of a telegram which came late this afternoon conveying the information from Mr. Knox that he would accept the premiership of the Taft Cabinet.

Mr. Taft without delay made the announcement that the matter was settled. In giving the details of the negotiations he said the offer was made to Mr. Knox last Sunday morning in New York; that since the offer he had not heard from Mr. Knox until the telegram he received today.

After a consultation with Secretary Root in Washington last Saturday afternoon Mr. Taft said he made an effort to see the Pennsylvania Senator there, but was informed that he was in New York to attend the dinner of the Pennsylvania Society. He wired Mr. Knox to see him at the Henry W. Taft residence Sunday morning. The appointment was kept, Mr. Knox concluding his visit in time for Judge Taft to attend morning church service, but remaining at the Taft residence until after Judge Taft had gone to church.

"I feel that I am to be congratulated in securing the services of Senator Knox in my Cabinet," said Judge Taft in making the announcement and making the statement with the understanding that he was to be quoted. "In selecting a Secretary of State, I wanted first a great lawyer, and second a man who would fill the public eye, not only here but abroad, as a man who stands out preeminently as a great American.

"Mr. Knox was a great attorney general; he was a prominent candidate for the Presidency, and he is recognized in the Senate and elsewhere as one of the great lawyers of that body."

Judge Taft also feels that from a political viewpoint the selection of Mr. Knox is most happy. He explained that there was often a feeling that the State of Pennsylvania with its assured Republican majorities, often was slighted in the matter of recognition in the high counsels of the party. That this will not be the case in the next administration was indicated by the announcement by Mr. Taft that he should invite Senator Knox to come to Augusta that he might consult him freely with reference to filling other places in his Cabinet. In fact, he said, that he felt the need of such advice as he should be able to obtain from Mr. Knox in regard not only the Cabinet, but many matters preliminary to the beginning of his administration.

The hesitation of Senator Knox to make a more speedy decision is interpreted here to his desire to arrange with due regard for the interests of the party and his State for relinquishing his seat in the Senate. Mr. Taft evinced many evidences of gratification at the decision which had been reached.

WRIGHT'S RECORD FLIGHTS

Machine Goes to Height of 360 Feet. Almost Two Hours in Air.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

La Mans, France, Dec. 18.—Wilbur Wright, the American aeroplanist, established a new world's record for heavier than air machines today while trying for the Michelin cup, remaining in the air one hour, 53 minutes and 59 seconds. The best previous record is one hour, 31 minutes and 51 seconds, which Mr. Wright made October 10th.

Mr. Wright closed a triumphant day by achieving another record, fling to a height of 360 feet in a strong wind and winning the Sarthe Aero Club's prize for height. At first it was through that the violence of the breeze would compel Mr. Wright to postpone his effort, but undaunted, he launched his machine and circled around and around the field. When soaring at ninety feet a sudden gust of wind caught the aeroplane sidewise, causing it to plunge violently backwards. The spectators were terrified, but Mr. Wright remained unperturbed and soon righted his craft.

KILLED IN BOXING BOUT.

Curren Collapsed After Second Round. Seconds Are Arrested.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18.—James Curren, aged 18, was killed in a boxing bout with Benjamin Barnet, aged 17, at the Broadway Athletic Club in the lower section of this city today.

The boys boxed even in the first round but in the second round Barnet began to punish his opponent. He knocked Curren down with a hard blow on the chin. After arising Curren collapsed.

A physician examined him and ordered his removal to the hospital, but he was dead when the institution was reached.

The police arrested Barnet and the boys who acted as seconds to Curren. The seconds for Barnet fled.

Leather goods art display, for a few days at Honnett's popular store. **

HANGED FOR CRIMINAL ASSAULT

A Negro Pays the Penalty of His Crime at Concord.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 18.—Will Graham, a negro, was hanged today at Concord, N. C., for criminal assault on Miss Pearl Tucker, a 16-yearold white girl of Cabarrus county.

The negro when arrested narrowly escaped lynching, 2,000 people, mostly mill workers, marching upon the Concord jail, but he was protected by several companies of the National Guard and spirited away to the Raleigh penitentiary where he was held pending execution.

Honnett's jewelry store announces splendid arrivals for the last days of Christmas shopping. **

Cut Prices on CANDIES

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23 Bags Small C. C. Nuts.

14 Bags Large C. C. Nuts.

47 Boxes Florida Oranges.

17 Boxes Mixed Nuts.

31 Pails French mixture Candy.

27 Pails Love Drops.

36 Pails C. C. Ices.

27 Jars Crown Gum.

29 Jars Adams' Pepsin Gum.

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OUR HABERDASHERY

Our showing of Christmas Haberdashery is a grand display. Our elegant Neckwear, Choice Gloves; our Shirts, Mufflers, Umbrellas, Suspenders, and the many other things in toggery a man is always wanting, are correct and the best that money can buy.

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We've a fine line of these luxurious garments, so highly prized by every man. Come here for "His" Christmas and you'll find just "the thing" with a moderate price attached.

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